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LIFEGUARD CLEARED OVER POOL TRAGEDY

A LIFEGUARD accused of failing to supervise pool users in Wolverhampton when an eight-year-old boy drowned has been cleared.

The jury of seven men and five women deliberated for four and a half hours before delivering their verdict after the two-week trial of Kelly Woods at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Woods, aged 31, of Woodland Avenue, Tettenhall Wood, had been accused of not supervising bathers, including Suraj Mall, before he drowned at the Wolverhampton Swimming and Fitness Centre in Wednesfield on February 10, 2008.

The court had been told Woods was talking to another user, Barry King, shortly before spotting Suraj, drowned, face down in the water. She however maintained she had kept her eyes on the pool as she spoke to Mr King.

The defendant, of previous good character, showed no emotion as the not guilty verdict was read out but cried as she left the building.

Courage

Judge Amjad Nawaz ruled her defence costs would be paid, and told Woods: "In so far as the past five years are concerned, I hope you are able to put it behind you and get on with your life.

"This verdict is no reflection on anybody at all. The Mall family have conducted themselves with exceptional courage and grace throughout."

After the verdict, Amy Kalay, who led the investigation by the Health and Safety Executive, which brought the prosecution to court, said: "However disappointed we are with today's verdict, this prosecution will reiterate to lifeguards, leisure centres and pool owners worldwide the importance of constant vigilance."

Appearing as a witness Woods said her conversation with Mr King lasted around two minutes.

Lifeguard – Kelly Woods

Youngster – Suraj Mall

'Suraj's laughter will echo through our hearts forever'

THE FAMILY of Suraj Mall paid tribute to their son who was 'always smiling and laughing'.

The day the little boy drowned was the first time his mother Lajla Kaur had visited Wolverhampton Swimming and Fitness Centre with her four children. The youngsters had been so excited that they rushed into the pool before their mother, who was having a brief gym induction.

She then went to change her clothes to join the children. It was when she was getting change for a locker at reception that she saw a mass of people gathered by the poolside and was greeted by every parent's worst nightmare.

Emptiness

Her eight-year-old son Suraj was at the centre of the crowd as efforts were made to resuscitate him. The family told how they have not returned to the centre where the tragedy happened – and only recently allowed Suraj's siblings to return to swimming at other pools.

Mrs Kaur, who attended court with Suraj's grandfather Balbir Chand Badhan and his aunt Pam Badhan, said: "It has been the worst day of our entire lives and has left a big hole in the hearts of all our family.

"Suraj was the light of all our lives, now he's gone we will always feel that emptiness inside. His laughter will echo through our hearts forever." She said the Villiers Primary School pupil was always smiling and laughing.

Moxey says sorry to fans but hits out over pitch invasion

Angry fans invade the pitch after Wolves' home defeat to Burnley on Saturday

WOLVES chief executive Jez Moxey has issued an apology to fans for the club's disastrous season after defeat to Burnley sparked a pitch invasion and left the club facing an historic second successive relegation.

The defeat leaves Wolves in danger of becoming the first club ever to slide from the top tier to the third division in just two seasons twice – unless they can achieve a footballing miracle on Saturday.

Devastating

Chief executive Jez Moxey said the loss felt like a 'devastating blow' but hit out at fans who were behind Saturday's trouble, which was the worst seen inside the ground for years.

Fans vented their fury after the game, attacking stewards, smashing up the home dugout and wrecking advertising hoardings. Vandals also struck at Molineux stadium over the weekend, scrawling expletive-laden messages for owner Steve Morgan on the South Bank gates. Police were this week trawling CCTV to identify those responsible for the trouble.

Mr Moxey said: "It goes without saying that Saturday's loss to Burnley felt like a devastating blow for everyone who loves Wolves.

"We have no illusions about the immediate future as the odds of remaining in the Championship are slim. However, with one game remaining the players have a duty to the club and its supporters to play one last match against Brighton, secure a win and hope against all hopes that other results go our way.

"This season has been disastrous and everyone here is apologetic and regretful about the position the club is now in – facing relegation into League One with one match remaining is not acceptable for any Wolves side, let alone one that was in the Premier League a year ago."

Jockey is arrested moments after wins

Graham Gibbons

A JOCKEY was arrested at Wolverhampton racecourse just moments after riding two winners at the track.

Graham Gibbons was taken into custody over a non-racing related matter.

The 31-year-old northern-based rider had just completed his third ride of the meeting when police officers arrived at Dunstall Park.

A West Midlands police spokesman said: "A 31-year-old man has been arrested by West Midlands Police on behalf of North Yorkshire Police."

Charge

The Yorkshire force confirmed Gibbons had failed to attend Scarborough Magistrates Court last week to answer a charge of drunk and disorderly, an offence alleged to have happened in Norton, North Yorkshire, on April 8.

Earlier in the meeting Gibbons had won on Singzak, for Yorkshire trainer Michael Easterby, and Off The Pulse, trained in Derbyshire by John Mackie.

Gas leak delay for motorists

DRIVERS on two main routes through Wolverhampton face disruption as roads are dug up to repair gas leaks.

Four-way traffic lights have been installed on Trysull Road at the Bradmore Arms crossroads while a gas main is replaced.

Traffic along the Birmingham New Road in Lanesfield will also be stopped from turning into Mount Road from today while another leak is repaired.

The work is expected to take 'several days' to complete, say bosses.

Drunken driver is jailed for bus crash

A MOTORIST whose car hit a minibus full of schoolchildren and three cars during a drunken drive along a busy Wolverhampton road has been jailed for 18 months.

Nicholas Cane left a £24,500 trail of destruction in Lower Street, Tettenhall, a judge heard. No-one was badly hurt but part of a wall was demolished and a parked was wrecked, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

Cane was two and a half times the drink-drive limit and behind the wheel of a vehicle he had no right to drive on December 9, said Mr Rhydian James, prosecuting.

Catapulted

The 26-year-old father-of-three had driven off when a friend gave him the keys to the Audi A3 hire car so that he could collect a packet of cigarettes from the vehicle.

Minutes later, it smashed into a 17-seater minibus carrying 14 children aged under 14, causing more than £6,000 damage and leaving a boy with a slight head injury.

A short distance further down the street it hit a Mercedes so hard it was catapulted onto the pavement and its driver was left with an £8,000 repair bill.

Cane still did not stop after hitting a Peugeot but lost control on a bend near the junction of Aldersley Road, causing a further £1,500 to a garden wall and writing off the parked £9,000 Mini.

Cane, of Tettenhall Road, Tettenhall, had previous driving convictions.

Long queues at village jobs fair

HUNDREDS of people queued up for the first jobs fair organised by South Staffordshire District Council.

Held at Perton Civic Centre, the stands on Tuesday included Jaguar Land Rover, Sainsbury's, G4S, which runs Oakwood Prison, and McCain in Wombourne.

Lines started building up ahead of the event's opening at 10am.

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Cash machine raid gang have jail terms cut

FOUR members of a Wolverhampton gang behind a string of smash-and-grab cash machine raids, who were chauffeured by the fastest getaway driver ever caught in the UK, have had their jail terms cut on appeal.

The men, all from Wolverhampton, were arrested as they fled the scene of the crime – the Murco petrol station in Warstones Road, Penn, during the early hours of January 13 last year.

Judges at London's Criminal Appeal Court have, however, now ruled the original sentences for the four were 'excessive'. The jail sentence for the getaway driver Ben Westwood, aged 34, of Woden Road, Wednesfield, whose souped-up stolen Audi RS5 outpaced the police helicopter as it reached speeds of up to 180mph along the M6. was upheld. Ramesh Sharma, 39, from Barrington Close, Oxley, was originally jailed for three years after admitting conspiracy to steal. His sentence was cut to two years and four months.

Jewellers

Gregory Simpson, 27, from Wordsworth Road, was initially jailed for four years after admitting the same offence. His term was cut to three years and four months. Luke James Watkins, 35, from Whestone Road, Bushbury, was jailed for three years and nine months after admitting conspiracy and dangerous driving. His sentence was reduced to three years and one month.

Stephen Green, 42, from Castlebridge Road, Wednesfield, was jailed for four-and-a half years after being convicted of conspiracy to steal. His sentence was cut to three-and-half years.

Police said the Sudi RS5 was linked to 16 raids – between August 2011 and January 2012 – across Staffordshire, Shropshire and the West Midlands, including incidents at a bowling alley and a jewellers.

Westwood was jailed for nine years at Wolverhampton Crown Court last August after being found guilty of conspiracy to burgle, conspiracy to steal and dangerous driving. His sentence remained unchanged.

University near bottom for student experience

UNIVERSITIES in the Midlands are improving – but Wolverhampton is still languishing near the bottom of a table for student experience, a new survey has revealed.

The University of Wolverhampton is ranked 88th out of a total of 102 in the country for student satisfaction according to figures released by the Times Higher Education magazine. It has climbed up from 97th last year.

Staffordshire was 60th – up from 74th. Birmingham was again the highest ranked in the West Midlands – joint 11th position, up from 13th but Aston dropped from 63rd to 86th.

Birmingham City received the ninth best score overall for the most improved university and was ranked 82.

Education chiefs in Wolverhampton insisted recent investment would help lead to further improvements.

University spokesman James Allen said: "Providing a great student experience is one of the key priorities of the University of Wolverhampton.

Learning

"The university has invested in new facilities over the last 12 months, which came on the back of a massive campus improvement scheme in recent years. During the summer we made further improvements to the students' union facilities at both the city and Walsall campuses as well as social and learning spaces right across the university.

"Added to that we recently announced a further investment in a new science centre and a proposed new business school building in the city centre as well as a new multi-area sports pitch.

"We know, from more detailed surveys that are carried out during the year, that satisfaction rates among our students continue to improve."

Nepal-trip academics sign new agreements

THE University of Wolverhampton has teamed up with two academic institutions in Nepal to increase opportunities for student and staff to visit for exchange trips and research.

New partnership agreements were signed with Kathmandu University and Merryland College Biratnagar during a recent visit to Nepal by a delegation of Wolverhampton representatives.

The aim is to expand academic and cultural co-operation.

During the visit, Vice-Chancellor Professor Geoff Layer signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Vice-Chancellor of Kathmandu University, Professor Dr Ram Kantha Makaju Shrestha.

The universities agreed to work together on joint research and student and staff exchanges, as well as sharing academic materials and staff development projects.

Prof Layer also signed a separate agreement Merryland College Biratnagar, which will look at curriculum development.

Beastly fun at school eco-hub

Teachers Lesley Birch and Sabrina Varricchione with pupils at the new eco-hub

A NEW £14,000 outdoor eco-hub has opened at a Wolverhampton school, including a miniature 'hotel' for insects and bugs.

The facility has opened at Birches First School, Birches Avenue, Codsall. Its £9,194 construction costs were paid for by the Big Lottery Fund, while the school has spent £5,000 on its design and planting.

The hub, which also has 30 seats for the pupils to have lessons outdoors, has been built next to the school's sensory garden.

Decorative totem poles stand outside and there is a glimmer pool.

It also includes what teachers have dubbed the 'mini-beast hotel', a structure of eight pallets and other wood fashioned into a rectanglular house for insects and bugs ranging from woodlice, to earwigs and even worms.

Assistant headteacher Sabrina Varricchione said the project was tied into the school's commitment to interesting teaching, while protecting the environment – which has helped it achieve Green Flag status for the past 12 years.

She added: "We decided the sensory garden was in need of regeneration, so to speak, and this is the upgrade we decided on."

The hub's roof has been made out of drift-

Keeping library visitors h-App-y

RESIDENTS in Wolverhampton can now log on to a free iPhone and iPad app to find the date of their next bin collection or locate their nearest library.

Wolverhampton City Council believes the app technology will help it keep up with changes in demand as more and more residents connect to its website using smartphones.

The WCC App provides the same information that people can get on the council's website but the app makes it easier to read on a mobile phone screen.

The technology has been developed despite the council having to cope with almost £60m of government funding cuts over the next five years, including £17m over the next 12 months.

Attractions

App users can find the nearest library at a time when the council is closing some and merging others with community centres. There are also quick links to attractions such as Wolverhampton Art Gallery and Bilston Craft Gallery.

Visitors can also find out the distance to a council-run car park along with its opening hours and facilities, but not details of parking fees.

Wolverhampton City Council's human resources boss Councillor Paul Sweet said: "The council is committed to developing new ways of engaging with local people and to keeping up with changing customer demand.

"We know from our own research that there's been an increase in the number of people who want to access council services through smartphones and other mobile devices."

Work starts on Charles Clark site

THE redevelopment of the eyesore former Charles Clark Rover dealership in Chapel Ash is starting.

The building has been derelict for around 15 years. The multi-million pound overhaul will see the site turned into flats.

Developer Kultar Dale said the new look would be a complete overhaul of the building, which he has owned for five years.

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Hotel firm to handle Patshull weddings

A HOTEL company has taken over bookings at a South Staffordshire wedding venue while receivers get to grips with its financial problems.

Patshull Hall, at Burnhill Green, near Pattingham, called in administrative receivers BDO last month, leaving 29 weddings in the balance.

Bosses have since said they could honour bookings only up until September.

Now, Legacy Hotels are being paid an as yet undisclosed fee for looking after bookings at the venue.

Secure

BDO says it does not have the expertise in-house to run that side of the business, while trying to remedy its financial woes and secure its long-term viability.

Legacy Hotels' fee will be deducted from the pot available to people owed money by the venue.

A spokesperson for BDO said: "We can confirm that specialist hotel and venue management company Legacy Hotels has been appointed to manage the day-to-day running of Patshull Hall."

Parking fear on revamp for school

DESIGNS for a multi-million pound revamp of a Wolverhampton school should be overhauled amid fears the work will cause parking problems, a councillor has said.

A new car park is due to open at nearby New Cross Hospital, but Councillor Milkinder Jaspal says it will have "no effect" on the issue as visitors will still clog up streets in order to avoid charges on the site.

Entrance

The planned work at Heath Park Academy, in Prestwood Road, Heath Town, would come under the final phase of Wolverhampton's £270 million Building Schools for the Future programme, funded by the government.

Under proposals, pupil numbers would swell from 1,180 to 1,300 but there would only be 104 parking spaces. Councillor Jaspal says the school needs another main entrance in addition to the one on Prestwood Road.

Police give pledge over pillowcase inquiry

POLICE will co-operate fully with an investigation into an arrest in Wolverhampton, during which officers put a pillowcase over a man's head and allegedly assaulted him, the West Midlands force has said.

The Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) is looking into the allegation concerning the arrest of the 45-year-old man in the city earlier this year.

Detective Chief Inspector Julian Harper, from the force's professional standards department, said: "Police were called to an address in Wolverhampton on February 7 this year to arrest a man on suspicion of assault.

"During the arrest, after allegedly spitting at officers, a pillowcase was placed over his head and he was taken into custody.

"He was taken to Wolverhampton Police Station where the pillowcase was removed and he was placed in a cell.

"The man was later seen by a police doctor, after which he was transferred to hospital when he complained of breathing difficulties and chest pains.

"Following a complaint made on February 16 regarding his treatment on arrest, West Midlands Police referred the matter to the IPCC who are carrying out an independent investigation, which the force is fully co-operating with."

Punctured

Two police officers initially attended an address to arrest the man on suspicion of assault, and were joined by four more officers.

He remained in hospital for seven days having been treated for a punctured lung and fractured rib. The investigation is examining whether any force used by police officers was proportionate, how the man's injuries were caused, how officers responded to his request about securing his property and whether officers 'acted in accordance with policies and procedures' including the use of a pillowcase.

IPCC Commissioner Sarah Green said: "The man's complaints arise from him sustaining serious injuries.

"It is right we independently examine how these were caused."

Residents' concerns over £176m urban village plan

RESIDENTS have been giving their views on £176 million plans for an urban village in Bilston. The proposals would see more than 600 homes and a primary school built.

A woodland area and a cycle route will also be created in the scheme.

by Adam Thompson

City council chiefs have launched a public consultation into the project, which would see a 90-acre site next to Carder Crescent regenerated.

Some of the residents who turned up to find out more about the proposals at an exhibition at Bert Williams Leisure Centre said they have concerns about the scheme.

Wildlife

David Millard, aged 57, of Carder Crescent, said: "The houses they're planning to build will look down the hill onto our homes, and this is an invasion of privacy.

"I don't think the developers or the council have considered the wildlife or where the children will play.

"This is 625 homes we are talking about – that's a lot of people, and I don't think Bilston can cope with another new development."

Thomas Brown, aged 71, who has been a resident of Carder Crescent for 47 years, said: "We don't have any problem with kids playing up and down our street. If you respect them, they respect you, but building on this land will drive more kids to hanging around on the street corners and generally getting up to no good because they haven't got anywhere to go."

Bilston town centre manager Cheryl Welsh said the project will revitalise the town.

"This is obviously going to be a boost for the town centre, and by strengthening links to the neighbouring surroundings in Bilston, through walkways and cycling, it is going to be attractive for businesses to invest in the town," she said.

"It was agreed there will be no retail units as part of the urban village, because this will be to the detriment of the town centre"

The project has already seen the opening of Bert Williams Leisure Centre and the South Wolverhampton and Bilston Academy and will also include allotments.

Wolverhampton City Council regeneration officer Simon Lucas with Bilston town centre manager Cheryl Welsh and Jill Griffiths from Wolverhampton Homes at a consultation event for the plans for the next phase

Veterans call for war memorial to be restored

Cenotaph in Bilston

WAR veterans are calling for a historic memorial in Bilston to be restored to its former glory.

Members of the Royal British Legion say more work needs to be done on the cenotaph. They say it is 'galling' that the council has spent £21,000 revamping the Prince Albert statue in Queen Square.

Bilston branch treasurer Peter Murphy, who served three years as a corporal in the RAF in Singapore and Malaya, said repairs to chips on the structure in 2011 had left different coloured patches. And he claims it needs cleaning to restore it to its former glory. He added: "It should be treated as the important monument that it is. It should be treated with respect and cared for."

Work on the memorial, which charts the names of heroes who died during both world wars, was carried out in 2011 at a cost of £5,000 with funding from the council.

Names of the fallen were repainted onto plaques, and all original inscriptions were recarved detailing the dates of the conflicts. The memorial is situated between Railway Drive and Oxford Street. Wolverhampton City Council's parks district manager Gary Price said: "We try to keep the cenotaph as clean as we can. The cenotaph is made of white Portland stone.

"The colour that it turns as it ages can be mistaken for dirt or grime, but this is actually part of the natural ageing process. As Portland stone is a soft stone, care must be taken when it is cleaned and therefore we are unable to use the more abrasive techniques that we can use on other types of stone."

NEWS in brief

MP pushing for access to skills

CONCERNS about the lack of formal qualifications among Wolverhampton residents of all ages have been raised in parliament.

Paul Uppal, the Conservative MP for Wolverhampton South West sought assurances from Education Secretary Michael Gove that all will get access to skills and training. He said a study had found just under a quarter of residents have no formal qualifications – double the national average.

Bank of England visit for pupils

DOZENS of pupils from Wolverhampton have met the departing Governor of the Bank of England.

They had lunch with Sir Mervyn King, a former pupil of Wolverhampton Grammar School, and ask him about his career as part of a trip organised by Wolverhampton South East MP Pat McFadden.

The pupils from South Wolverhampton and Bilston Academy, Moseley Park, Deansfield, St Thomas More, Coton Hills and Coseley School also toured the Bank of England.

Breast-feeding venue guidance

MOTHERS can find out which venues in Wolverhampton are breastfeeding-friendly in a new guide.

Breastfeeding Out and About in Wolverhampton is produced by the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, working in partnership with Wolverhampton City Council.

It includes a list of shops and other places in the city that have stated that breastfeeding mothers are welcome and includes information on facilities.

Young actors fly out for festival

YOUNG actors from Wolverhampton will perform at an international theatre festival in the Czech Republic this weekend.

Twelve members of the Central Youth Theatre were due to fly out yesterday for the annual Soukání festival in Ostrov to perform You Decide, a play about morals and ethics.

Potholes repaired

POTHOLES on three Wolverhampton streets have just been repaired. Workers have filled in potholes on Camberley Crescent and Beacon Street, Woodcross and Fieldhouse Road, Parkfields.

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RESEARCHERS in America claim there's more to a sneeze than we imagine. An outgoing person delivers a big, noisy sneeze while a shy person holds it in, producing a stifled squeak. In this way, say the scientists, a sneeze reveals your true character. Or should that be your true catarrh?

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IT WAS good viewing but let's not pretend that Broadchurch (ITV) was cleverer than it actually was. Its creator, Chris Chibnall, now reveals a trail of "little clues," including the slug that Ellie found on her carpet and squashed in the final episode. This was apparently a metaphor for an intruder in the house. Oh, really? This must be the first slug in history to go over everybody's head. As for the scene where cops allowed the murdered boy's father to the door of the police cell so that he could harangue the killer, it was plain daft.

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IN AN appeal to our sense of Englishness, that portly, true-blue Tory Eric Pickles promises to restore ye ancient county names such as Westmorland, Cumberland and Huntingdonshire. The Local Government Minister thunders: "Administrative restructuring by previous governments has sought to suppress and undermine such local identities." You can almost hear the tankards clinking in Conservative clubs all over the land. All hail the old county names. God rot those who suppressed and undermined our heritage. And who were these subversive Trotskyites of yore who swept away our precious old counties? It was Ted Heath's Conservative government.

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USEFUL terms for our time. "Safari round" – frantic search by doctors for patients lost in hospitals, as revealed this week by the Royal College of Nursing.

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A REPORT by something called the Institute for Economics and Peace claims that Britain is becoming more peaceful with violent crime down by a quarter in nine years. On the same day it was reported to MPs that nearly 1,500 sex attackers were let off last year with a caution. Something doesn't add up.

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BILLY Connolly, now a teetotaller aged 70 but a hard drinker in his youth, says he's having trouble remembering the punchlines of his jokes. Nae bother, Billy. If in doubt, just crank up the Glaswegian accent and give them the old faithful: "Say, doctor, can ye nae take away the pain but leave the swelling?"

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A ROUNDABOUT in Warsaw may be renamed after Baroness Thatcher. Local politicians say a roundabout makes U-turns unnecessary, and Mrs T was famously not for turning. It's a fine tribute to a lady who was often more appreciated overseas than at home.

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THE Metropolitan Police have spent a whopping £68,000 having that distinctive three-cornered sign moved just 15 yards at New Scotland Yard. That's almost enough to pay for a police and crime commissioner. The difference is that everyone knows what a sign is for.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

'Worst thief' is spared jail despite 19 charges

A CROOK dubbed 'the worst thief in Wolverhampton' by his own lawyer has been spared jail despite a five-month campaign raiding supermarkets around the city.

Jonathan Masterson pleaded guilty to 19 charges of theft with a haul nearing £900 as he fed his drug habit, stealing items such as coffee, chocolate and cheese.

He also admitted two assaults on staff as a judge at Wolverhampton Magistrates Court gave him with a three-year anti-social behaviour order preventing him from entering two city Co-operative stores. The court heart he once threatened staff at Morrisons, in Pendeford, with his keys.

Masterson, of St Anne's Road, Fordhouses, began stealing on November 29 when he took £50 worth of chocolates from a Co-op store at 490 Stafford Road. He struck a further 18 times including taking £80 of gammon and steak on February 17 from Co-op, in Stafford Road. He took £100 worth of detergent from Euroshopper in Collingwood Road, Bushbury, on March 17.

In a £130 theft at the Co-op he grabbed bottles of shower gel, three deodorant cans and six tins of baby milk as part of his haul on March 18.

Tactics

Miss Jo Taylor, prosecuting, described the thief's tactics as 'unremarkable', stating on each occasion he was caught on CCTV having selected items and walked out the shop.

On March 20 he assaulted security guard George Long at Pendeford's Morrisons store. Miss Taylor said: "Mr Masterson chose a number of items from the shelves but when he went to the till he only attempted to pay for a bottle of beer. Mr Long attempted to restrain the defendant, who resisted and threatened Mr Long and several staff members with a set of keys."

Mr Sandip Murria, defending, said: "He had been in a steady relationship with a girlfriend and when that finished he fell off the rails and turned to drugs. These weren't sophisticated criminal acts because simply Mr Masterson is clearly the worst thief in Wolverhampton."

Masterson was given a 32-week prison sentence suspended for 18 months. He must take part in drug rehabilitation and was ordered to pay £150 in compensation. He is also banned from entering the Co-op at 490 Stafford Road and 657 Stafford Road.

I should be the deputy mayor, says councillor

CHOOSING the ceremonial deputy mayor of Wolverhampton is usually a chance for councillors to put their differences aside – but not this year.

Mike Heap, one of only two Liberal Democrats on Wolverhampton City Council, has been nominated by the opposition parties because it is their turn to choose the deputy mayor.

But former Liberal Democrat Councillor Richard Whitehouse, who resigned the party whip last year and now sits as a Liberal Independent, has said he should have been asked instead.

The mayor and deputy chair full council meetings and attend civic functions, and host charity events in the mayor's parlour.

The only power the role brings is the casting vote in the unlikely event of a deadlock.

Councillor Heap will be deputy to Labour's Milkinder Jaspal, who takes over as mayor in May having served as deputy to Tory Christine Mills for the past year.

Honour

The 79-year-old was elected to represent Spring Vale in 1999 and is a former director of the Abbey National bank.

He said: "It's an honour to be nominated as deputy mayor of Wolverhampton.

"This is a great city I believe it has a great future."

Councillor Whitehouse, who also represents Spring Vale, was mayor of Wolverhampton in 1993. But he believed that he was in line to be offered the mayoralty according to the rules on length of service.

He left the Lib Dems last year after a dispute with his colleagues over their support of the choice of Councillor Mrs Mills as a last minute stand in mayor.

Richard Whitehouse

She took on the role because the councillor who had been due to take on the role, Paddy Bradley, lost her seat in the local elections.

The Conservatives, Labour party and Liberal Democrats have all agreed on Councillor Heap.

Councillor Whitehouse said: "Wolverhampton City Council might as well not have a constitution at all if it can be circumvented so easily."

Councillor Heap said that the parties understood that Councillor Whitehouse had plans to move to Wales.

Councillor Whitehouse said he has not decided whether or not to move to Wales, and would have turned down the deputy mayoralty had he been offered it but objected to having not been asked.

Zumbathon aid for charity

Co-operative Childcare colleagues at the Zumbathon – back from left, mascot Ebo and Sarah Beardsmore, front from left, Tara Edwards, Lisa Savage and Kerry Smith

STAFF from a Wolverhampton nursery are feeling upbeat after raising more than £500 at a dance workout for charity.

The team from The Co-operative Childcare Nursery in Paget Road joined with family and friends for a zumbathon for Teenage Cancer Trust at Wolverhampton West End Working Men's Club.

Around 30 people took part in a two-hour dance session with a tombola, stalls and competitions to add to the fundraising.

Childcare practitioner Tara Edwards and deputy manager Kerry Smith organised the event as both attend Zumba classes and they asked their instructor Alison Handford to lead it.

Mourners attacked man after spit row

A BRAWL that left a man with a 'life changing' knee injury was sparked by a Wombourne woman mourner who had just left a funeral, a judge heard.

Welder Stephen Jenkins needed major surgery following the incident which started when Joanne Parry spat at his van while it was stuck in traffic, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

He was attacked by the 25-year-old and her uncle Thomas Parry, 41, when he got out of the vehicle to remonstrate with her in Bell Lane, Bloxwich, Mr Howard Searle, prosecuting said.

Both punched him before her cousin, Jason Parry, lashed out with a kick to the knee that floored Mr Jenkins.

He needed major surgery and was off work for five months, Mr Searle.

Joanne Parry of Elm Tree Close, and Parry, of Pine Street, Bloxwich, both admitted assault causing actual bodily harm.

They were each given 26 week jail sentences suspended for two years and ordered to do 180 hours unpaid. The later was also ordered to pay £750 compensation.

Jason Parry, of Great Yarmouth, admitted causing grievous bodily harm with intent during the incident on November 10, 2011 and he was jailed for 54 months.

New car park for city centre

A NEW pay-and-display car park will be created in the heart of Wolverhampton city centre. The 25-space site will be opened within yards of the Wolverhampton St Georges Metro terminus.

It is hoped it will help stop commuters having to park on the outskirts of the city centre. The site is at the corner of St Georges Parade and Bilston Street, next to Sainsbury's. As part of work to prepare the site a new entrance and footpath crossing will be installed.

Fun day at farm

MAY Day celebrations will take place at Northycote Farm and Country Park, Underhill Lane, Bushbury, Wolverhampton, is on Bank Holiday Monday from 11am to 4pm. Entry and parking is free. Call 01902 397906.

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Parent on fight for children's centres

A CAMPAIGN has been launched against plans to close children's centres in Wolverhampton, as part of council cuts.

The centres, across the city, are used by more than 6,000 youngsters aged under five and provide help for new parents, including clinics, play sessions, health advice and midwifery.

But the council wants to close nine of the 17 open after it emerged itlost £3.88 million in government funding to run them.

A three-month consultation has been launched as it emerged that sites could be closed before the end of the year.

Now a petition calling for the plans to be scrapped has been organised.

Jerome Turner, whose sons Joseph, aged four, and Ewan, two, are looked after at The Children's Village, Wednesfield, every weekday, has started the campaign.

He said the Government should re-instate some of the funding the council has lost.

And he is calling for efforts to be made to save the centres, which he says are 'vital' for local communities.

Mr Turner is hoping to collect more than 2,500 signatures to trigger a debate at the council.

Crackdown on speeders

DOZENS of speedsters have been sent official warnings during a month-long series of police crackdowns on problems in part of Wolverhampton.

Four community speed watches took in Aspen Way – near Merridale Primary School, Trysull Road, Oxbarn Avenue and Finchfield Road. More than 450 vehicles were checked, and 27 drivers sent official warnings. Four were given fixed penalty tickets.

Graiseley Sergeant Glen Moseley said crackdowns over the last month, would not be the end of action.

Celebrate sport

YOUNG people who have taken up a new sport under a programme to encourage physical activity in Wolverhampton, have enjoyed a celebration to mark its end. More than 40 tried their hand at street dance, basketball and wheelchair basketball at Gloucester Street Community Centre.

Father in £50k benefit fraud sold car parts

A FRAUDSTER sold car parts on ebay while pocketing more than £50,000 in overpaid benefits, a court heard.

Michael Hale, of Bilston, triggered the authorities' suspicions in April 2011, and further investigations revealed he had been the middle man for a car parts business between November 2007 and July 2011.

Ms Satu Ruck, prosecuting, said the 43-year-old transferred a "large amount of money" into his partner's account from the online sales. When interviewed, the father-of-five said he received a sleeve of cigarettes each week for the work, and money was passed to a third party.

He declined to give information about the person for whom he was selling on goods.

That was despite pleading guilty to two charges of dishonestly failing to notify authorities of a change in his circumstances.

Hale, of Hannah Road, was given an eight-month sentence, suspended for two years, and made subject to 18 months' supervision at Wolverhampton Crown Court. He was also ordered to complete 200 hours unpaid work and a workbook.

Passing sentence, Judge Michael Dudley said: "This was a sustained fraud. "The offences are sufficiently serious that they cross the custody threshold."

Ms Ruck told the court Hale had claimed income support since December 1994 and he was overpaid £40,751.23.

She said he also received an extra £8,611.84 in housing benefit and £2,367.66 in council tax benefit, which he had claimed between December 2009 and September 2011.

Ms Ruck added that he had begun to pay back the overpaid money in £50 instalments each month.

Mr Nicholas Berry, defending, said his client had suffered depression without treatment since 1987, when he last had a job, and had only now been properly diagnosed.

He said Hale used the ebay business as a distraction from thoughts of self-harm and it gave him a "sense of purpose and worth".

Michael Hale – overpaid

Judge rewards have-a-go pair for showing bravery

TWO have-a-go heroes have been rewarded by a judge after catching a pair of robbers in Wolverhampton. Christopher Turner and Dean Bate were each given £200 out of public funds for their actions.

They came to the rescue after brothers aged 14 and 15 were ambushed at the junction of Mandale Road and Warren Avenue, Fallings Park, on their way home from school on February 12. They were confronted by 18-year-old Parminder Kumar and a 16-year-old youth who threatened to stab them, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Mr Nicholas Burn, prosecuting said: "No weapon was used and none was in their possession but the intimidating impression this created led to one of the two brothers handing over his mobile phone.

"The robbers then walked off leaving the victims shouting out for help."

Mr Bate and Mr Turner heard the cries and chased after the culprits after being told what had happened, the court was told last week.

"They chased after the two robbers, caught up with them and detained them," Mr Burn said.

Admitted

"It was a very public-spirited action because they acted promptly, not knowing what they would be confronted with."

Miss Sarah Buckingham, for Kumar said he had got in with the wrong crowd.

Kumar from Procter Street, Park Village, who was of previous good character, admitted robbery and attempted robbery and was given a community order with 12 months supervision by Judge Michael Dudley who said the heroes deserved an award.

The 16-year-old, who cannot be named because of his age, was given a referral order by a youth court separately.

Councillor denies car phone use

A WOLVERHAMPTON councillor has appeared in court accused of driving a car while holding a mobile phone.

Zahid Hussain Shah, who represents the St Peter's Ward, which includes the city centre and Whitmore Reans, appeared at Wolverhampton Magistrates Court last week.

Shah, of Coleman Street, Whitmore Reans, has pleaded not guilty to one charge of being a driver not in a position to have proper control of his car.

It is alleged by the Crown Prosecution Service that the 44-year-old was seen at the wheel of a Mercedes C220 in Farndale Avenue, Whitmore Reans, on July 4 and he had a mobile phone in his hand.

The case hearing was adjourned for a trial on July 16.

As he had answered a summons to appear at court, Shah was granted bail.

After the brief court appearance, Shah declined to make any comment on the allegation, after receiving advice from his legal representative.

Sew near but Sandra happy to make final

'Fantastic experience' – hospital worker Sandra Lavender, who got into the final of Great British Sewing Bee

Star seamstress Sandra Lavender today looked back over her 'fantastic' time on Great British Sewing Bee after reaching the final of the BBC 2 television show – and revealed she kept her appearance secret from friends at first.

The 48-year-old mother of three from Wednesfield finished second on the programme to grandmother Ann Rowley, 81, from Yardley, Birmingham.

But she says she really enjoyed her time on the series. It was her 26-year-old daughter Rebecca who applied on her behalf and she says she was 'amazed' when the producers invited her to London for an interview.

Within weeks, she was filming the programme, fronted by Claudia Winkleman, which saw her put her sewing skills to the test against other contestants from across the country. Mrs Lavender, who has worked as a cleaner at Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital for 14 years, said: "I'm really pleased the show has been such a big success but I didn't really get a true feel for it while it was going on as I think you watch it in a different way when you are in it.

"I have been watching it through my fingers at times – I've never done anything like this before."

Strange

The first her colleagues heard about her appearance on the show was through an article in the Chronicle's sister, Express & Star, after the opening episode. But staff and visitors at the hospital were soon approaching her and praising her performance.

She said Rebecca and her other daughters Sarah, 25, and Charlotte, 27, had all been 'so supportive' and had enjoyed seeing her do well.

She added: "I've had a few people coming up to me and saying 'Are you Sandra from that sewing programme?' It's strange but everyone has been terrific."

Mrs Lavender learned to sew at home at the age of 13 and has made most of the curtains and soft furnishings in her Linthouse Lane home.

During the show's tense finale she had to make a man's shirt from scratch in four hours, then use hand stitching to transform a plain shoulder bag before creating an evening gown in eight hours.

She said she was delighted to see her fellow contestant Ann win and added: "It's been a fantastic experience."

NEWS in brief

Register office in £120,000 revamp

THE register office in Wolverhampton has been given a £120,000 revamp which will be unveiled next month.

As part of the refurbishment, the office ceremony rooms have undergone a makeover, and a new ceremony room has been created. New furniture and lighting has been fitted, and the design also features a dressing room for the bride.

The Lady Wulfruna Suite will cater for an increased demand for wedding and civil partnership ceremonies with a higher number of guests.

It will be unveiled at a wedding fair on May 11.

MP gets role in Tory shake-up

WOLVERHAMPTON South West MP Paul Uppal is to join a new Conservative parliamentary advisory board as part of a shake-up.

David Cameron is also bringing Boris Johnson's younger brother into Downing Street as his head of policy. Joe Johnson will today also be appointed as a Cabinet Office minister, Government sources confirmed.

As well as Mr Uppal, members of the advisory board will include Stourbridge MP Margo James.

Pub to get £150k dining extension

A PUB in Wolverhampton is to get a £150,000 extension. The project at The Nickelodeon at the Bentley Bridge Retail Park, Wednesfield will see a new dining area and function room.

This will allow it to increase its capacity from 205 diners to 265. Work will take six weeks and the pub will close for two days from May 22 while the final work is completed.

Display shows how it's made

AN exhibition of contemporary crafts will run at Bilston Craft Gallery until May 11. Made in the Middle is on view from 11am to 3.30pm at the Mount Pleasant gallery.

Key themes include how craftspeople are embracing digital technologies in their practice.

Ramblers' plea

BILSTON Ramblers, who use public transport to get out and about are looking for new mem-bers. Ring Jane 01902 493475, Ann 01902 754275 or Jackie 01902 633849.

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NEWS FEATURE

IN MY VIEW WITH MARK ANDREWS

SO IT looks like the infamous hate preacher Abu Qatada will be with us for the foreseeable, following the Government's latest failed bid to deport him on terror charges.

While judges at the Court of Appeal have said the deportation of Qatada, described as Osama Bin Laden's right-hand man in Europe, was long overdue', they also ruled that the danger he posed to the public was not 'a relevant consideration' under human rights laws.

Of course it's not.

However, I feel I might have an answer. Anti-social behaviour orders have come under quite a bit of flak lately, generally dismissed as a soft option for young hooligans who wear them as a badge of honour.

However, their credibility would be restored once and for all if they could protect us from this old reprobate.

No doubt most of you would agree that Mr Qatada is generally a pretty anti-social individual, involved in a wide variety of pretty anti-social behaviour traits. You know, blinking, breathing, giving motivational talks to suicide bombers, that sort of thing.

So why not make him subject to an anti-social behaviour order prohibiting him from doing any of these things. Every time he breathes or blinks, it's five years in the slammer.

No doubt the beaks will let him off, fall for the usual sob stories about him falling in with a bad crowd – let's face it, bad crowds don't come much worse than al Qaeda – and being determined to make a fresh start. But it's got to be worth a try.

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IT SEEMS winning a £3 million share of a lottery syndicate has not brought much happiness to former bus driver John Noakes.

Indeed John says life has been so tough for him and his family he is now planning to leave the UK, and begin a new life in, er, Cyprus.

Are you sure you've thought this one through, John?

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NOT so long ago, the global-warming fans were warning that unless we all ditched our patio heaters and cycled to work at the lentil processing plant, then we would all be burnt to a crisp during the sizzling summers, or drown as the UK became submerged Twenty-Thousand Leag-ues Under The Sea.

Now they tell us we will experience a little more turbulence as we jet off on holiday in search of the sun.

It's progress of sorts, I guess.

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DOCTOR: "I'm afraid Aynuk, you are suffering from infertility."

Aynuk: "Is that hereditary?"

Sue Higgs discusses training with Rupy Pandaal, service user and carer strategy co-ordinator

Clare Corness-Parr, left, head of adult nursing, and Ann Philp, head of recruitment retention and employability

Service user Hilary Jones receives training before joining the panel to interview potential nurses

How users help to select new nurses

Recruitment is changing. **MARISHA CYSEWSKI** reports on the University of Wolverhampton's pioneers

WHEN Sue Higgs interviews potential nurses she looks for "kindness, a willingness to learn and above all compassion" and she should know the value of these qualities.

She is not a medical professional, but she is drawing on her first hand experience of the NHS to help select nursing students for the University of Wolverhampton, alongside tutors and nurses from clinical practice.

Mrs Higgs, of Penn, Wolverhampton, was a carer for her husband of 43 years, John, for six years after he suffered a brain haemorrhage which left him unable to look after himself.

He was a former teacher at Colton Hills Community School; he sadly died three and a half years ago.

Increase

She says: "Before John died we had some good and some not so good experiences with the NHS, I wanted to give something back for the positive experiences."

The university has 480 student nursing places, this year there has already been more than 3,700 applications. The numbers applying to NHS-funded courses has greatly increased since the rise in tuition fees, so it is more competitive than ever to get a place.

Panel members will interview around 10 applicants a day, for courses starting in September and January.

Hilary Jones, aged 54, of Dudley, has suffered from Chronic Fatigue Syndrome for 15 years, an incurable illness which left her housebound. She is receiving training to become a panel member in the School of Health and Wellbeing.

She says: "It is uplifting to see the university's commitment to make the theory they teach a reality through involving us. Our opinions are respected and the university is dedicated to making the courses well rounded experiences."

Students nurses Emma Simpson, left, and Naomi Perry helped by interviews

"I think having service users involved in the course helps the students get a better understanding of what they are letting themselves in for."

The service users' judgements carry equal weighting to the views of the professionals and they are trained in areas such as equality and diversity to help their interview technique.

Head of Adult Nursing, Clare Corness-Parr, says: "The service users know what they want from nurses, they are able to spot passion, enthusiasm and other personal qualities that make a good carer in the interviewees." Their role goes beyond the interview process to the lecture hall, where students are able to directly question them about the illnesses they suffer, in preparation for their training placements in hospitals in Burton, Walsall, Dudley, Wolverhampton and Sandwell.

Student nurse, Emma Simpson, of Coseley, aged 24, said: "I was interviewed by one of the service users.

"I found talking to him about his experiences really helped me to open up and show some of my qualities to the rest of the panel.

"Nurses are there for the patients, I think getting more feedback from them is most beneficial for our development."

Rupy Pandaal is the service user and carer strategy co-ordinator and recruits the new panel members. He says: "The service users have a range of experiences, from life threatening illnesses to being carers.

"Some of them have had previous involvement with the university; others have heard about the opportunity through word of mouth and expressed their interest."

Around 50 service users are involved but there are plans to increase the number as the revised interview process is rolled out to more other fields of nurses including mental health, learning disability and children's nursing.

The Francis Report following the public inquiry into Mid Staffordshire has shaken the NHS's foundations as it described failings leading to appalling standards of care, since this service users are becoming more involved in health care education on a national level.

The university is one of the first educational establishments to involve service users in interviews, although this process began before the report was released.

Improve

The scheme was piloted last year when six service users took part in 18 interview dates, which showed they could make valuable recommendations to enhance the interview process.

The report aims to improve the standard of care for patients and has called for a selection of student nurses who have the right attitude and are able to put the welfare of others first.

The Francis Report made 290 recommendations to deliver better care, at the heart of this is the desire to put patients first and ensure that they are listened to.

Sue Higgs says: "Nursing my husband, John, was a hard time and big learning curve. I hope my experiences can help to benefit others.

"I do feel like my opinions are being listened to and valued on the panel and hope that the nurses we help to choose go on to make great carers and have successful careers."

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

A BUSHBURY man celebrated a betting coup after winning £13,308 from a 10p stake. Steve Bonser was cheering on Wolves at Molineux when he found out the six horses he picked for the ITV Six bet had all won.

RAIN, rain and more rain led to a Bank Holiday weekend washout. The region suffered 4.7 inches of rain over the three-day holiday, which followed the third wettest April since records began in 1887.

A TOTAL of 25,000 walkers put their best feet forward to raise more than £200,000 for people with mental health issues. Organisers of the BRMB Walkathon were amazed at the result, which enabled Mencap to provide a home for adults in Birmingham.

1993...

A WOLVERHAMPTON teenager ran into a growing problem in his ambition to become a mounted police officer – his size 12 feet. Paul Swallow, aged 13, from Compton could not find riding boots to fit his long but narrow feet.

THERE was massive disruption on the Severn Valley Railway at Kidderminster after a Second World War grenade was found on the track. Army bomb disposal experts blew up the device in a controlled explosion causing the railway to close for five hours.

FORMER chef Christopher Bloor became the first man to qualify as a midwife in Staffordshire. Mr Bloor, aged 26, became one of less than 100 male midwives in Britain after passing an 18-month course at the North Staffordshire College of Nursing and Midwifery

2003...

BLACK Country twitchers were urged to stake out their back gardens to count house sparrows as part of a nationwide survey looking at the species' dramatic decline. The count was organised by the RSPB, who said bird numbers had halved in the preceding 25 years.

ROBOTS made at a Black Country factory proved a hit with movie makers after they were snapped up to star in a string of Hollywood blockbusters. Kuka Welding Systems and Robots in Halesowen supplied two robots for Tomb Raider 2 and 15 machines for the Thunderbirds movie.

BRAVE punters at a Sedgley pub swallowed lemons, chillies and garlic before snogging a fresh cod in a charity endurance challenge. The tasks were lined up for drinkers at The Swan Inn to raise money for Acorns children's hospice in Walsall.

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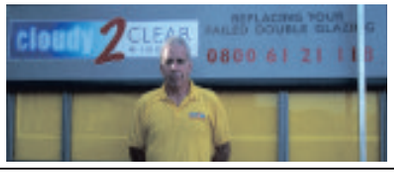

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NEWS

Engineers in sad farewell to factory after 72 years

Terry Herrington, Cyril Plimmer and Jack Holmes, next to the 1934 Defiant plane, which has now been moved to RAF Cosford

DEVOTED engineers said a sad farewell to the factory that had been their life for up to 72 years as they left for the last time.

There was a lump in the throat of some as they watched the replica Defiant Bomber Destroyer they spent 50,000 man hours building being driven away from the Boulton Paul aircraft plant in Wolverhampton.

The aircraft has to be stored at RAF Cosford after the owners of the building asked the Boulton Paul Heritage Project to vacate its home. Jack Holmes, aged 86, who first walked through the doors of the works in Wobaston Road, Fordhouses to start as a 14-year-old boy errand boy in 1941, admitted: "This is a very sad day. The place has meant everything to me.

"There were one or two occasions when I thought it might be good to change but I quickly changed my mind after comparing what I was going into with what I had. There was no contest. I knew where I was better off."

Friends

Cyril Plimmer, now 85, was also 14 when he joined the staff the following year and the pair have been close friends ever since. He rose to become the senior hydraulics engineer while Mr Holmes ended his career as the head of the X-ray department where aircraft components underwent non destructive testing.

Both spent 48 years on the payroll but neither could face breaking the link and on retirement helped establish the Boulton Paul Aircraft Heritage Project, a charity dedicated to preserving the history of the firm.

It has been based in a 20,000 sq ft space at the factory and became only the second heritage group in the country to be awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. The name of Boulton Paul disappeared during a string of takeovers and is now part of Moog Aviation, which has shut the Wobaston Road factory to move to the nearby i54 business park.

Help with living costs offered to JLR workers

JOB seekers from outside the West Midlands are being offered help with paying their rent and buying a house if they move to Wolverhampton to work for Jaguar Land Rover.

The luxury car maker is spending £500 million building an engine plant at the i54 business park, where it will create 1,400 jobs. Wolverhampton City Council and Staffordshire County Council are spending £36.7m on a slip road from the M54 motorway as part of the deal.

People taken on permanently or temporarily at the firm will be offered help to cover their rent and living costs, legal, estate agent and survey costs to buy a home, removal and storage expenses and a settling-in allowance on top of their salaries.

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LETTERS

Ask why buildings are derelict

WE read of a proposal to demolish half of a Conservation Area in Victoria Street, and to set up a temporary market and a car park.

Why are the buildings derelict – because the owners have allowed vandalism, theft of roof tiles, the weather and fire to drag them into dereliction.

The new Shoe Shop in the block is a good example of how to refurbish and bring into economic use with a smart retail unit. What would happen to the other existing businesses in the block? Surely ownership of 19th century properties in a Conservation Area carries a responsibility to maintain?

They may not have outstanding architectural quality, but they have historical importance, and townscape value, hence inclusion in the Conservation Area.

Who would want to take a market stall in this position? The "real" market nearby is fighting for survival.

JOYCE AND TONY PERRY
70 Oxbarn Avenue
Wolverhampton

Ward 9 was perfect tonic

WE would like to record our thanks to New Cross Hospital, Ward 9 surgical, both for their efficiency and courtesy.

Having recently visited and expecting a lengthy waiting time we were surprised to be attended to very quickly.

Nurses carried out various tests prior to the doctor attending who was friendly and informative.

Fortunately we did not have to be admitted and two days later received by post a record of the visit and actions to be taken.

Efficient, courteous and friendly – thank you very much.

B WOODHALL
Hawthorn Road
Wolverhampton

Roadworks certainly not keeping the city moving

WHEN will the scourge of our ongoing 'roadworks' be tackled with the commonsense and logic needed to prevent a city being constantly gridlocked week in, week out?

Two immediate and local areas of severe congestion spring to mind that are causing 'obscene' inconvenience both to residents and throughfare, namely the 'Compton roundabout' and the continuous work along Compton Road.

Both sites have been a fixture for a long time with work apparently being conducted on a 'passive' basis apparently disregarding the immediate environment.

It is paramount that the local authority takes control to ensure that jobs are completed as quickly and efficiently as possible.

One of the city's public servants' section catchphrase is "Keeping Wolverhampton Moving", rather an apt choice of words that does not reflect the current situation eh? No prizes for guessing which section!

NICK ROBERTS
Martham Drive
Wolverhampton

LETTERS to the Editor

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System is penalising me for working more hours

I KNOW you are probably getting lots of letters regarding benefit cuts and I understand I am not probably the worst hit by this – my heart goes out to all those disabled people who have had to incur cuts and also have to pay the bedroom tax on top of the cuts.

But I feel I also need to put my point across too. Isn't the main point of the benefits cuts to make people better off for working and not staying at home on benefits?

I am a single parent and have always worked and constantly struggled to juggle work and childcare and to have enough money to just basically live. I was working 16 hours, I don't drink, I don't smoke, and I don't take drugs, but still can't meet essential monthly living costs resulting in me having to stop my children's extra activities such as karate and dance.

I had the chance at work to increase my hours from 16 hours per week to 23 hours per week and my daughter was wanting to start a drama class and I thought now I was working these extra hours, money wouldn't be quite as tight and I would be able to let her go. However, when I worked 16 hours I only had to pay £100 council tax. However, as I have increased my hours I now have to pay £700. This is supposed to encourage me to work, I don't think so!

I contacted Wolverhampton council for an explanation. They sent me a letter back saying that as my income now exceeded the applicable amount by £64.52 I have to pay £70 per month council tax, making me lose money instead of gaining.

I expect to not receive as much benefit if I earn more money, but I do expect to see some reward for me working more and not being penalised for it. The only thing I gain is childcare stress!

Mr Cameron is constantly repeating he is making these benefit cuts to encourage people to work. I would like him to explain to me how this works. I don't expect to get everything paid for me, but I have always worked and paid into the system.

LINDSEY SMITH
Meldon Drive
Bilston

BRIDGE CORNER

CARPENTERS may not love the odd splinter, but bridge players certainly do.

A splinter bid at the four level by responder takes up a vast amount of bidding space. But it pays its way by indicating a whole raft of information.

It shows at least four-card support for opener's suit; a game-going hand and, usually, a singleton in the bid suit.

Its use means opener can then decide whether to look for a slam or merely sign off in game, as here.

Note that North doesn't even bother mentioning his chunky five-card spade suit. He has support for opener's hearts and that's where the contract will be played.

As the cards lie, Declarer rates to lose only the spade and diamond aces to East to coast home in the Four Hearts contract and make an overtrick. But on several tables, Declarer actually helped himself to 12 tricks.

North: ♠ KQJ65 ♥ KQ104 ♦ 3 ♣ 843

West: ♠ 42 ♥ J9 ♦ KJ7652 ♣ 1095

East: ♠ A987 ♥ 87 ♦ A1098 ♣ K72

South: ♠ 103 ♥ A6532 ♦ Q4 ♣ AQJ6

THE BIDDING

E	S	W	N
P	1H	P	4D
P	4H	P	P
P			

West's lead of a club at trick one was unfortunate, finessing against partner, but not critical. Declarer could have made the same play himself later.

But it pointed the way for South, who drew trumps and then found the clubs breaking 3-3 to give himself a long winner and dispose of his diamond loser before knocking out the spade ace.

Losers on the night were the three pairs where North plays splinters and South doesn't. It's a rare deal where Four Diamonds is anything but a wretched contract and it went five off, vulnerable. Sometimes a splinter can hurt. – *Tim*

Meet-up call to friends from 1972

I WAS born in Wolverhampton and went to Springfield Road Secondary School.

I am now 64 and recently retired. Visits to Wolverhampton and the Dudley areas were infrequent and were usually to see parents. So I have not been in touch or seen some of my old friends since 1972.

My wife Sue and I live in Grimsby. I would love to meet up with anyone who can remember me especially Dennis and Diane Wood, who lived then in the Penn John Birch (Codsall), also Alan and Doreen Cartwright (Netherton/Cradley)

Sue and I are in Wombourne from May 11-24. My e-mail address is derek-coates600@btinternet.com

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NEWS

New consultation over home parking charge

PLANS to charge people in Wolverhampton to park outside their own homes will go out to consultation again – after fewer than 300 came forward to have their say.

The proposals to introduce a residents' parking scheme or other measures in the 19 most congested areas in Heath Town – including clogged up streets around New Cross Hospital – was first unveiled by Wolverhampton City Council last year.

It would see residents pay £40 a year to park outside their homes. The council says it would cover the cost of enforcing a permit scheme and sending wardens to check – but it would only go ahead if most people agreed.

The consultation was originally launched before Christmas when questionnaires were delivered to households in the area but has already been extended after a poor response.

Now council chiefs say out of the 1,024 questionnaires they have sent out they have so far only had 277 responses.

Petition

Wolverhampton City Council spokesman Gurdip Thandi said: "We have therefore extended the consultation period until the end of May in order to get more residents to complete the questionnaires.

"We would therefore urge those who haven't responded to do so in order for us to take into account their views when making a final decision.We are trying to engage more directly with residents to get their views on this."

A petition signed by 250 people in the Heath Town area has objected to the idea.

The petition relates to Lower Prestwood Road, Prestwood Road and Prestwood Road West where between 92 per cent and 98 per cent of residents were against the scheme.

They asked that New Cross Hospital should fund the charge because some its visitors and staff use their streets as a car park. A 250-space car park is due to open at New Cross later this year and there are also plans in the pipeline for a second new car park when a new A&E unit opens in 2015.

Jo shares uni milestone

Anniversary – Wolverhampton University's director of international Jo Gittens, who is celebrating the university's 21-year milestone

IT was always seen as the traditional time of coming of age when a child became an adult in the eyes of their friends and even the law.

And now the University of Wolverhampton is celebrating 21 years since it won university status – with one lecturer who joined the institution in the first year reflecting on her time there.

Jo Gittens first enjoyed a career in industry – which included marketing confectionary, leisure and even construction projects – before she became a lecturer in marketing.

Now in a senior management role, as a director of international at the university, she said she had seen the university not only change the way it does business, but also change face completely.

She was first based at Compton Park, now due for redevelopment, and can now look back at the university's expansion with a campus in Walsall and also in Telford.

The grandmother-of-one, who was born in Wolverhampton before moving to Hong Kong as a baby, said she was proud to work at the university. Mrs Gittens, a mother of two, aged 56, said: "The university is rising to the challenges of the modern world."

Your chance to go wild

RESIDENTS have the chance to get up close with the wildlife at Pendeford Mill Nature Reserve, Wolverhampton, on May 12. The site manager will answer questions at the event, which runs from 10am until 4pm.

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Chance meet that lasted 70 years

Moss, aged 91, and Doris Walters, 88, of Wombourne

The young couple – now married for 70 years

THEY were thrown together by chance during the Second World War – and now this devoted couple have celebrated 70 years of marriage.

Moss Walters was in one of the few mixed heavy anti-aircraft batteries in which men and women served alongside each other.

He came from Neath while Doris was living in Crewe until both were called into action with the newly-formed 496 battery based on the coast at Ely near Cardiff in October 1941. Mr Walters, now aged 91, said at the their home in Wombourne: "There were over 100 people in the battery.

"By chance Doris and I had the same day off and so we paired up to go to the cinema together. The more trips to the pictures we went on, we both realised there was more to it than us just being comrades. We got engaged the next year."

They married in Aberdulais near Neath in 1943 and three years later Mr Walters was demobbed after serving his final year with the South Staffordshire 2nd battalion. He spent 20 years with Glamorgan police before becoming an inspector in Wolverhampton.

The couple have three children and two grandchildren. Mrs Walters, now aged 88, worked as a nurse at a number of Wolverhampton schools while her husband worked for Dudley Council after his retirement from the police.

Road fears for shoppers

FEARS have been raised over road safety for shoppers in Wednesfield High Street as scores of drivers flout the law.

Police recently launched a crackdown on motorists illegally using the street and have dished out dozens of fines.

Currently vehicles other than taxis and buses are banned from using the route.

The move comes after a man suffered cuts to his head when he was hit by a bus in February and residents say more needs to be done. John Williams, of Broad Lane, Wednesfield, said he believed the High Street is an "accident waiting to happen".

He said the ban should apply to taxis as well, as they often line up along the street.

The retired machinist, aged 72, said: "I regularly go shopping there and I wasn't surprised that someone got knocked over as the road is so busy.

"I know cars aren't allowed there but they ignore the laws so often. There are too many taxis waiting around and, added in with the amount of buses and cars that shouldn't even be there, it is chaos."

Ward councillor Phil Bateman said buses were crucial to Wednesfield's economy and should not be restricted.

He added: "There have been problems along the high street and I know people feel strongly about it, but we need to make sure we do not affect trade. Buses bring in thousands of people each week."

Police officers have been patrolling the High Street following complaints from residents and cyclists about vehicles driving illegally along the routes.

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Students call for vote at 16

Jasraj Kalirai and Simran Khela in campaign to lower voting age to 16

TWO politically-minded teenagers from Wolverhampton have launched a campaign to lower the legal voting age to 16.

Highfields School pupils Jasraj Kalirai and Simran Khela, both aged 15, produced posters outlining their case and put them up around the school buildings.

It was part of their coursework for a citizenship GCSE class, for which they were also tasked to raise awareness of the issue by contacting their local newspaper. Jasraj, of Amanda Avenue, Penn, said: "The government already gives 16-year-olds plenty of other rights, like the right to join the army, so it shows the decisions the government makes will have an impact on our lives.

"I have been interested in politics since the age of about 13 or 14, just through studying it at school and seeing how it affects a lot of people.

The Year 11 students also wrote to Wolverhampton South West MP Paul Uppal to put their points across.

WORK on one of Wolverhampton's best-known landmarks – the statue of Prince Albert – is on target as it emerged the project is likely to cost £21,000.

The memorial, in Queen Square, known as The Man On The 'Oss, is undergoing restoration for the first time in 20 years.

Bosses announced the scheme a few weeks ago and since then they have been checking it over to see the extent of the repair works needed.

The council has confirmed that the scheme is on target to be completed by the end of this month.

Wolverhampton City Council spokesman Gurdip Thandi said: "Work to restore the Prince Albert Statue is progressing well and still on target to be completed next month.

"Assessments have been carried out to establish the exact nature of the works which are now well under way."

Unveiled

The exact cost of the project will not be finalised until it has been decided what work is needed on the stone plinth. Hoardings have been installed around the statue while the work is carried out.

The statue, created by Thomas Thornycroft, portrays Queen Victoria's husband Prince Albert on horseback in the military uniform of a Field Marshall and displaying the Order of the Garter.

It was unveiled in 1866 when Queen Victoria visited Wolverhampton – her first public engagement following the death of Prince Albert. In honour of the occasion, the High Green was renamed Queen Square.

It has been subjected to vandal attacks over the years, and six years ago calls were made for the statue to be fenced off to stop it being targeted by yobs.

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Violet Watts, left, with her sisters Dorrie and Lily in 1911

Weelsby Street Infants, in Grimsby, Violet is third from the right

Violet Watts, aged 17

Violet with her bicycle

On her 1938 wedding day

Violet Watts celebrates her 102nd birthday with daughters Betty Haste, aged 83, and Shirley Watts, 73

No stopping Violet . . . concentrating on her wood work

Don't act your age, says Violet as she reaches 102

by Adam Burling

NOW she is into her 103rd year, Violet Watts could be forgiven for slowing down.

But the popular mother-of-two is busier than ever and often keeps her friends at a nursing home in Wolverhampton entertained with her jokes and stories.

Mrs Watts marked her 100th birthday by whizzing up a skirt on the Singer sewing machine she had used every day since 1936.

And though she no longer has the machine since she moved into the Engleberg home in Ash Hill, Compton,she still takes part in craft sessions.

She played a major role in putting together a collage of the Three Kings at Christmas.

And she is hoping to help organise a narrowboat trip for fellow residents over the summer.

She was joined by family and friends for the tea party at the home and took the opportunity on her 102nd birthday last week to look back over her life and reminisce with her friends and family.

Born in Grimsby on April 24, 1911, she became an apprentice dress maker at the age of 14, having been taught to sew by her grandmother, Elizabeth Buffam, at the age of five.

She married in 1938 and moved to Birmingham where her late husband Albert had a job at a bakery.

They had two children Shirley, now 73, and Kenneth, 64 -0 and also adopted a young girl, Betty.

Mr and Mrs Watts lived in Handsworth Wood and for more than 30 years she gave evening classes in dress making, crocheting and lace making.

They were married for 49 years until the death of her husband in 1988, when she moved to Wolverhampton.

Mrs Watts, who won a national award for copper enamelling aged 90, said: "I don't know what my secret is – I think it is just good fortune."

Until recently Mrs Watts spent several hours a day sewing and working on similar intricate skills such as crocheting and lace making.

Her Singer Jubilee sewing machine was bought for 13 guineas by her in the same town 25 years later.

It was part of a special edition produced to mark the silver jubilee of King George V which had occured the previous year.

Mrs Watts, who won a national award for copper enamelling at the age of 90, said: "I am extremely fortunate in that I had a very happy marriage and now have lots of friends who take me to meetings and do all the things that help me to remain independent.

"My advice to anybody reaching 100 is: Don't act your age."

Violet and Albert with son Ken and daughter Shirley walk along the sea front on their holiday in Cleethorpes

Violet and Albert on their first outing in their car in March 1961

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NEWS

Police dog to rescue as thief attacked handler

A POLICE dog came to the rescue of its handler by grappling with a metal thief who lashed out at the officer with a hacksaw.

Pc Jonathan Wood and Ivan were responding to reports of a break-in at Wolverhampton Business School when they came face to face with an intruder cutting through copper piping.

The fleeing burglar was quickly brought down by Ivan but continued to resist arrest by slashing wildly with the hacksaw blade and slicing Pc Wood across the ear.

However, the two-year-old German shepherd again got to grips with the man and helped protect his handler until police support arrived.

And at Wolverhampton Crown Court burglar Michael Stokes, from Brantley Avenue, Wolverhampton, was jailed for a year after admitting the break-in and assault.

Pc Wood and other officers were sent to the business school, in Compton Road, in the early hours of May 30 last year following a call from security staff reporting a break-in. They found 25-year-old Stokes had already cut through several lengths of copper piping and stashed them outside.

Police dog Ivan saved his handler

Pc Wood, said: "I went in first with Ivan to check if an intruder was on the premises; soon I spotted flashes of torchlight and the sound of sawing coming from the boiler room.

"When we approached, a man came out carrying a hacksaw with a foot-long blade. He was clearly startled to see us and determined not to go quietly. Ivan gave chase and grabbed hold of his right arm. He took swipes at both me and the dog with the hacksaw and I wrestled the man to the floor whilst Ivan took hold of his left leg.

"At the time we'd only been working together for six months and for a young dog in service Ivan performed brilliantly and never backed down; he protected me the best way he could throughout the whole incident and helped me detain a violent thief."

Pc Wood was treated for head injuries and a slice to his ear but Ivan was uninjured.

Dog unit manager, Inspector Russ Evans said: "We train dogs in scenarios where their handler comes under attack; in fact the exercise forms part of the annual licensing criteria.

"Over time the dogs develop strong emotional and professional bonds with their handler and again they will instinctively move to protect them from danger."

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NEWS

Noteworthy civic date for organ

Organist Donald McKenzie with the historic organ at Wolverhampton Civic Hall ahead of the concert

THE distinctive sound of a historic organ rang out through Wolverhampton's Civic Hall at a concert as the venue prepares to mark its 75th anniversary. The hall celebrates the landmark this month – and a special afternoon show was organised by resident organist Steve Tovey.

It was led by organist Donald Mackenzie, who performs regularly at events at the Odeon in Leicester Square, London. He entertained the audience by showing his skills on the organ, which features 6,421 pipes that range from 0.5in to 16ft in length, all suspended from the roof of the hall. Mr Tovey, who has been the city's organist since 1993, said: "The organ is the real star of the show. It was designed specially for the hall in 1938 and cost £6,000."

Other events planned include a show by the Cannock Chase Organ Club and The New Foxtrot Serenaders dance band on May 18, along with a tea dance on May 17.

Protest at parking ban outside surgery

MORE than 230 patients and staff have signed a petition against plans to ban parking on roads near a doctor's surgery in Wolverhampton following complaints from residents.

The no-waiting restrictions would be enforced around the Woden Road practice in Heath Town.

Plans for double yellow lines in Woden Road, Jeremiah Road and Hobgate Road have been drawn up after reports that vehicles were struggling to get past.

It is also claimed that the cars are blocking driveways and forcing pedestrians to walk in the road.

Concerns have been raised over the effect the restrictions would have on patients of the medical practice – in particular elderly people with mobility problems – and parents whose children attend the nearby St Stephen's CE Primary School. Staff at the surgery say there will also be a greater need for parking because of growing numbers of patients.

Practice manager Julie King said: "We have got a lot of elderly patients and people who have mobility problems but don't necessarily qualify for a blue badge. These restrictions will cause real problems for them getting to the practice.

"People are really concerned and this affects a lot of people in the local area. There is hardly enough room for the staff and visitors to park at the practice."

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What a beauty! Cafe to serve up 10 jobs

A NEW cafe, that will create 10 jobs, is opening in Wolverhampton in a unit formerly taken by a beauty salon.

Vanilla in School Road, Tettenhall Wood will be the only cafe on the village's high street. Owner Carole Ashworth, aged 48, said she hoped to take on even more staff in future if the venture proved to be a success.

The premises have been empty for about two months after Beauty Couture shut. Ms Ashworth, who is originally from the village, moved back to the area eight years ago after living in Cumbria and Cornwall. She studied catering at Halesowen College before running pubs in Nantwich and Kendal. The cafe will serve cooked and continental breakfasts, homemade cakes, soups and sandwiches.

Maxine will lead the city help group for patients

A WOMAN who has devoted the last 20 years to improving health standards in Wolverhampton has been appointed chairman of the city's new health and social care watchdog.

Mother-of-one Maxine Bygrave, has been named chairman of Healthwatch Wolverhampton, which has been tasked with championing the rights of patients and people using social care services across the city.

Chairman Maxine Bygrave

She worked at New Cross Hospital for seven years before joining the local health authority, where she helped establish an advice and liaison service for patients.

Commissioned by Wolverhampton City Council, Healthwatch Wolverhampton will speak to patients and service users and use their experiences to help influence policy, planning, commissioning and delivery of health and social care services.

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It will also provide information and advice to help people access and make choices about the services they receive, as well as helping people to speak out if they feel they have been let down by health or social care providers in any way.

Its remit will see Healthwatch Wolverhampton take over a number of roles currently carried out by Wolverhampton LINk, as well as PALS, the Patient Advice and Liaison Service which the new chairwoman helped to set up.

New bus link for hospital is launched

A NEW bus link between Walsall and New Cross Hospital is being launched as part of a shake-up of services.

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Putting their vinyl passion on record

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Vinyl and Vintage in Cleveland Street was among the 240 UK independent record shops joining forces for the occasion.

And collectors queued up before the shop opened to get their hands on releases by their favourite artists. Special limited edition discs released for the occasion were on sale there and at other participating stores.

They included three seven-inch box set sets from Paul Weller and Ringo Starr and a seven-inch green vinyl by heavy metal band Testament, of which only 100 copies were produced.

Brit pop group Pulp also released last year's comeback track After You for the occasion with 1,200 12-inch discs pressed.

The main attraction at the store was a seven-inch split single featuring numbers from John's Children and Hypnotic Eye released specially for Record Store Day in Germany.

Copies were individually signed by Marty Street, who designed the artwork on the sleeve and is a friend of Claire Howell, who runs Vinyl and Vintage with her business partner Simon Griffiths.

Miss Howell said: "I think people are looking more and more for a physical object rather than a download."

Council IT deal will cost jobs

JOBS will go at Wolverhampton City Council under a deal with a firm that will cost taxpayers £7.8 million over five years, bosses have said.

The authority has sealed an agreement with London-based IT provider Agilisys to overhaul computers and back-office systems.

Officials said the scheme will result in a saving of £3.4m within the first two years and then savings of £3.4m a year for another five years. But this will mean the council axes staff as it no longer needs as many people working in areas like finance, human resources, payroll and procurement.

The council said: "The programme will deliver a reduction in staff numbers over time but as yet who is likely to be affected or exactly when is not known." An announcement is expected in autumn.

The deal will lead to a modern and faster computer system because the council's mainframe has not been updated for 20 years and will mean that information from different departments is more readily accessible, reducing the need for as much work to be done manually by staff.

Three and a half years the council was forced to pay £7.1m in compensation to Axon Solutions, to tear up a similar deal. It abandoned the £68m project because it feared it would not deliver the savings it promised.

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NEWS

Temporary council boss employed at £500 a day

A TEMPORARY boss has been employed at Wolverhampton City Council on £500 a day.

Wendy Trainor has taken over as chief legal officer until September.

It comes as the council is trying to save almost £70 million over five years and is planning to shut children's centres and axe dozens of jobs within youth services.

She will be stepping in for chief legal officer Susan Kembrey, who left her £83,150-a-year post in December.

The authority has said it does not want to recruit a permanent member of staff for the time being.

The council has various legal issues to deal with, including anything from planning matters to pursuing benefits cheats. It is also still dealing with appeals by workers who are losing pay under a shake-up of salaries to iron out decades of inequality between men and women.

More than 5,000 staff saw their pay go up at the beginning of the month but more than 1,200 will see theirs cut from next year. Most of them have lodged appeals.

Council spokesman Paul Brown said: "Wendy Trainor is an interim who is leading legal services. The service will be restructured later in the year when a permanent role will be filled."

The council went through a cull of some of its highest earning posts in 2011. Three out of four directors answering to chief executive Simon Warren left.

Jason weighs in for charity

A FORMER Wolverhampton coal manis preparing to climb Wales' highest mountain – carrying a 50kg sack – in memory of his stepfather

Jason Oliver, aged 42, will carry it up Snowdon to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support, which supported his mother, Sue Wakelan, throughout her husband's battle with cancer in December 2010.

Mr Oliver, of Wood End, Wednesfield, said: "They were so supportive. "

The former yard manager at GN Grovsnor is now a welder at Technibench, Ettingshall, but is training to become a mountain leader.

He made his backpack from a sack given to him by Wolverhampton firm Wulfruna Coal and has pledged to carry it back down the 3,560ft mountain if sponsors double their donations. One mystery one has given £142 .

His son Steven, aged 23, will join him and daughter Charlotte, 19, and two-year-old grandson Chad will meet them at the top. He is hoping to raise £500 on July 20. To sponsor him visit www.justgiving.com/Jason-Oliver1

Former coalman Jason Oliver who will be climbing Snowdon carrying a 50kg sack

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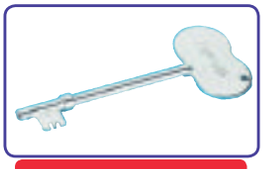

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NEWS

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Station on the move – the home of Free Radio on Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton

Ex-director Alan Mackenzie and the late managing director Jay Oliver in the 1970s

Dale Winton – DJ in 1988

37 years on and radio station is on the move

FREE Radio is to move out of Wolverhampton after more than 30 years of broadcasting in the city.

The station, formerly Beacon Radio, is expected to start presenting its shows from new premises – probably in Oldbury – later this year.

Its base in a converted orphanage on the Tettenhall Road will be put up for sale. Bosses said the move had not been finalised but was essential because the current building was not fit for purpose.

Station owner Orion Media chief executive Phil Riley said: "We have not signed a lease on the new offices but we are looking in the Oldbury area. The current building is really old, and it is just not suitable. We want to go close to the motorway for ease of access for staff and getting out and about to do things."

Free Radio, which was known as Beacon before it was rebranded last year, first began broadcasting on April 12, 1976.

Founder

Initially it was on the airwaves for 19 hours a day but in March 1978 started broadcasting 24 hours a day.

One of its key figures in its early days was one of its founder members and "larger-than-life" character, Jay Oliver, who worked as both managing director and station manager alongside programme controller Alan Mackenzie. Mr Oliver died in 2008.

One of the station's best-known former DJs was Dale Winton, who went on to present the television game show Supermarket Sweep in the 1990s.

As part of the move, 15 back office staff will be transferring to the company's base in Birmingham. The broadcasting will be carried out at the new premises. Two senior management posts will also go, although it is not yet known whether the staff will be made redundant or redeployed.

Bosses say they expect the move to take place later this year, perhaps in the summer or early autumn.

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NEWS

Extension to Metro will see two years of road disruption

The bridge to the rail station will be for cars and Metro. Pedestrians will use the footbridge

TWO years of roadworks are planned in Wolverhampton city centre to provide a £15 million extension of the Midland Metro tram. Transport bosses have been wanting to extend the tram system for years and have plans to eventually loop it around Wolverhampton city centre at a cost of £30m.

The first phase would see the route extended less than half a mile and would connect the existing St George's Metro terminus in Bilston Street with the bus station in Piper's Row and the city's rail station – a journey that can take around seven minutes to walk.

And it will result in two years of disruption as work takes place to build it from early 2015 – subject to the Government providing the money. The public and businesses are now being invited to give their views on the plans in a consultation.

Centro, the region's transport authority, believes the scheme will support the planned redevelopment of land next to the rail station which is expected to see £100 million of investment and 1,400 new jobs if new offices, a hotel and bars are created along with a revamp of the station itself.

Councillor Roger Horton, who oversees rail for Centro, said "These are significant plans that can play a key role in supporting the regeneration of the city centre. It will also provide a more effective interchange for passengers moving between tram, bus and train, helping to connect people to job, education, health and leisure opportunities."

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They can write to Metro Consultation, Centro, 16, Summer Lane, Birmingham B19 3SD. Exhibitions will be on Saturday in Queen Square from 9am-3pm, May 9 at the Civic Centre from 10am-2pm then at the bus station from 5- 7pm and on May 14 at the rail station from 11am- 8pm.

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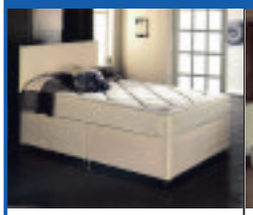
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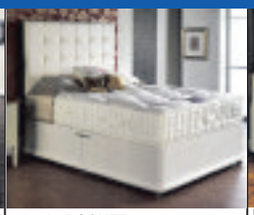
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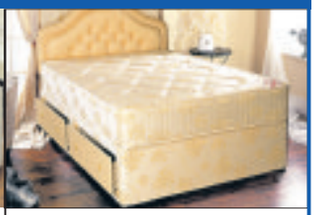
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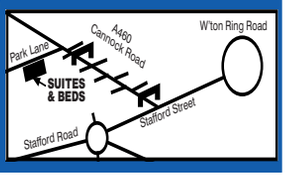

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CLUB NEWS

Talk was on silk painting

K'FORD LADIES SOCIAL CIRCLE

ACTING chairman Audrey Phipps welcomed members to the meeting at the Royal British Legion. There was new member, a visitor and guest speaker Clive Garner.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and The Dudley Cancer Support Group sent thank you letters for donations received, while a letter was also received from Edna Summers for the card and flowers she had received during her recent illness.

An update on the forthcoming trip to Moreton-in-the-Marsh was given. Chris Groves will organise a luncheon later in the year.

Benefit

Val Thacker agreed to run the sales table provisionally for the next two meetings asking members to be more supportive as any money collected was for the benefit of the group.

Mr Garner shared his enthusiasm for the hobby he has enjoyed for 18 years – painting on silk. As he painted he told the group of the history of silk, explained various techniques used and described the tools of his art. These included paints and brushes and also, aids to drying such as a hairdrier, a microwave and a steamer.

His talk was funny, informative and interesting and he had several very pretty, unusual, hand-made items for sale. Iris Hemfrey gave the vote of thanks.

Linda Taylor and May Raven won the raffle.

Flower group blooms with a spring display

Sedgley Morning TWG's floral arts group meets for its spring arrangement

SEDGLEY MORNING TWG

AFTER the business of the AGM, where the committee agreed to stand for a further year, a charity morning was held.

Members took part in fundraising for the Eve Appeal for ovarian cancer by buying refreshments and raffle tickets for a tea cosy which had been made to look like a sheep by the daughter of one of the members.The charity morning raised a total of £130.

During the April meeting, a competition was held to design a name badge.

The floral arts group made lovely spring arrangements using daffodils – a really cheerful sight. At the next meeting the arrangement will be "orchids in a hurry". Maureen and John Harper gave an interesting quiz accompanied by slides and music. They showed many interesting villages, buildings, churches and grand houses from across the West Midlands, Worcestershire and Herefordshire. The task was to guess where they all were.

Members enjoyed a recent visit to the Grand Theatre to see Cats.The Bowls Group starts its new season on May 8.

Fakes, fraud and forgers

GRANGE 'E' TWG

CHAIRMAN Hazel Smith presided over the meeting at Grange Court on April 2.

Secretary Jean Williams read the minutes of the last meeting, which were accepted and signed.

She said the guild would be entering two teams into the Federation annual quiz on June 3. Marlene O'Hanlon announced she would be starting a luncheon club.

Guest speaker Graham Sutherland gave an interesting talk on fakes, fraud and forgers. A collection of loose copper totalling £35 was donated to Lye and Wollescote disabled club.

Gill Attwood announced the birthday lunch would be held at the Vine Inn, Clent, on June 25. The guild is recruiting new members. Call Jean on 01384 832439.

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Parking restrictions will be placed around school roads

PARKING restrictions will be imposed in roads surrounding a Tettenhall school under fresh plans to diffuse a long-running row between parents and residents.

People living near to Woodthorne Primary School say parents dropping off and collecting children are blocking their driveways and causing congestion.

by Will Ackermann

The problem has sparked angry exchanges between the two parties and three years ago residents launched a petition calling for action.

Now plans have been drawn up for yellow lines on roads near to the school.

Ward councillors Jonathan Yardley, Barry Findlay and Mark Evans were due to meet with Wolverhampton City Council transport officers to discuss the details yesterday (Wednesday).

Councillor Yardley said: "This has gone on for far too long and the residents have suffered enough.

"We want to knock some heads together.

"It's a problem outside schools across the country, but Woodthorne Primary School is the 'Premier League' of parking problems because it has the highest number of children brought to the school from outside the area."

Under the plans, single yellow lines would be painted on Woodthorne Road South, The Meadway, Regis Road, Wrekin Lane, Redhouse Road and Yew Tree Lane.

The restrictions would prohibit parking between 8.30am and 10am and 2.30pm and 4.30pm on school days.

But 14 people have formally objected and 63 have signed a petition citing "increased danger for children and inconvenience".

Council leaders scrapped previous plans to build a £60,000 off-road car park to alleviate the problem because of school governors' "safety concerns".

Protesters' happy after phone mast thrown out

CAMPAIGNERS are celebrating victory in a year-long battle after plans for a 57ft phone mast at a Wolverhampton beauty spot were thrown out.

City council planners refused last May to allow Telefonica and Vodafone to build the towering mast at Tettenhall Green.

The phone giants appealed against the decision, but the appeal has now also been rejected – meaning the development can not go ahead.

The site is close to the junction of Wergs Road and Wrottesley Road in the Tettenhall conservation area.

Campaigners have fought the application since it first came to light in February last year. Ward councillor Barry Findlay said: "This is absolutely brilliant news."

This comes after planning inspectors granted permission for a mast at the former Wergs Garage despite the proposals also being refused by city councillors.

Join-up call

TETTENHALL & District Round Table is looking for new members to help with community events. Organisers want to replace four members who have retired.

Long term, they hope to increase membership numbers from 18 to 30. Applicants should be aged between 20 and 45. If interested, call 07889 807367.

Walk among bluebells at college

TETTENHALL College will host a Bluebell Walk in its grounds on Sunday. Staffordshire Fire Service will also put on a display at the Wood Road college and there will be a falconry show, a treasure hunt and a bouncy castle. Entry is £1 for adults, free for children. Details on 01902 751 119.

Creative pupils have work published. Pupils James Aitken, Harriet Tilley, Orla Shipway and Amrita Clair are with English teacher Rebecca Popplewell

It's sheer poetry as pupils win

CREATIVE pupils at a Wolverhampton school have had their work published in a regional anthology of poems.

Four youngsters from Year 7 at Tettenhall College entered the national competition after being tasked with writing on a subject they are passionate about.

Their work has been published in a book called The Poetry Games along with pupils from across the Midlands. Amrita Clair and Orla Shipway, both aged 12, and Harriet Tilley and James Aitken, both 11, were chosen from hundreds of entries.

They will now go through to a national final. Amrita penned a poem about the search for missing six-year-old April Jones. James's was a depiction of life in the trenches in World War One.

Orla's piece expressed what she loves about sport, and Harriet described scenes of athletes competing.

Camera club in picture with first exhibition

A CAMERA club has held its first exhibition.

The Compton G Camera Club, formerly known as Grange Camera Club, stage the show at the Tettenhall Wood Institute, Wood Road, at the weekend.

It featured up to 250 photographs taken by the near 40 members of the club that began life as a tutored class at Compton Grange in 1975.

The lessons ended after funding was withdrawn but the students enjoyed the subject so much that they decided to form their own camera club.

Their name was later changed after they joined the Midland Counties Photographic Federation and discovered it already had a club called The Grange among its membership.

The newly-titled Compton G club then met at a variety of locations before finding a home at the Tettenhall Wood Institute about 12 months ago.

Trees felled

TREE cutting has begun at the former ADAS site in Tettenhall. More than 170 trees – 77 protected and some believed to be 100 years old – will be felled to build 58 properties off Wergs Road.

Councillor Jonathan Yardley criticised the move on Twitter. He said: "A once lovely environment looks scarred."

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NEWS

Booted out Master Chef contestant 'still winner'

SHE was booted off MasterChef in the semi finals, but Wolverhampton contestant Farhana Islam said she still feels like a winner – and this is just the start of her cooking career.

Tears – Farhana Islam

The 28-year-old University of Wolverhampton worker fell agonisingly short of reaching the show's semi-finals when judges John Torode and Gregg Wallace elected to send her home.

Miss Islam admitted there were tears on the day and she cried for three days afterwards.

Watching the BBC1 screening brought the emotions flooding back but as there had originally been 20,000 hopefuls – Miss Islam said she was proud of how much she had achieved.

Amazing

"It's still upsetting but I don't feel like I'm a loser," she said. "Since being on the show I've had an amazing response from all my friends and family, and strangers have been coming up to me in the street saying how well I've done.

"It's been an incredible experience and I'm taking it as a lesson, rather than a regret, as to why I didn't get through."

She now plans to set up her own website of gourmet-standard recipes for people to make at home and is planning a charity event when she will cook the dishes she prepared on Masterchef.

"I hope I inspired a few people along the way and made Wolverhampton proud," she added.

"This is just the start for me."

Protest over funding gap for schools

DIFFERENCES in funding for schools between neighbouring areas have been raised in Parliament.

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson challenged the Department for Education over inequalities that sees Staffordshire get £478.25 less per pupil than Dudley and £695.24 less than Wolverhampton.

During education questions in the Commons, Mr Williamson said: "In schools in South Staffordshire, we receive £625, on average, less than schools in neighbouring Wolverhampton.

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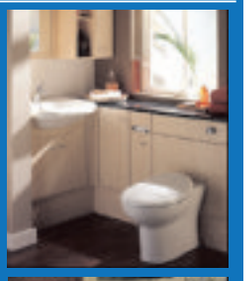

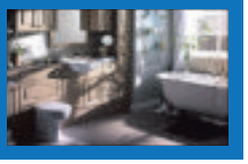

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NEWS

Bus traveller feedback brings change in route

BUS passengers will see route changes to a service running between Cannock and Wolverhampton.

The number 68 operated by Arriva is being changed following passenger feedback, the company said.

From now the route will no longer follow Old Hall Lane and Wardles Lane, in Great Wyrley, but will instead run via Station Road, A34 Walsall Road and Hilton Lane between Cheslyn Hay, Great Wyrley and Landywood.

It will also omit Long Knowle Estate running instead along High Hill, Essington Road, A462 Cannock Road, in New Invention, and A4124 Lichfield Road, in Willenhall, between Essington and Wednesfield. The 74A service serving Cannock will also change.

Water chiefs in pledge to act over sewage spill

WATERWAYS chiefs have vowed to take action after sewage spilled out across a Coven Heath road whenr a storage tank burst and residents complained about bad smells.

A villager walking her dog discovered sewage gushing out from one of the huge containers at the Severn Trent site in Coven Heath.

It closed Ball Lane, near to the corner of Heath Lane, while contractors worked to fix the problem and clear up the mess.

The Severn Trent site caters for sewage coming from HMP Oakwood and there have been reports that the sewage from the new i54 business park will also be sent to the facility.

Covers

Residents have claimed that the tanks are not being properly maintained, and they say a similar leakage happened on Christmas Eve. There are also fears over the site's capacity.

At the time, bosses apologised to residents and said they were looking at solutions. South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson has now met Severn Trent bosses to ensure it does not happen again.

During the meeting Mr Williamson was told that Severn Trent is spending £20,000 on covers for the tanks to reduce odours.

And moves are being taken to ensure that, if there was another spillage, it would not leak on to public land. Engineers are also carrying out regular checks of the tanks.

Police in £1k aid for street pastors

VOLUNTEER street pastors who patrol the streets of Wolverhampton on Fridays and Saturdays will be even more visible thanks to £1,000 of West Midlands Police funding.

The church-based voluntary group give up weekend evenings engaging with members of the public to help defuse volatile situations and prevent crime.

The cash comes from the Police Property Act Fund and will go towards securing more street pastors. It is also set aside for training new recruits and providing uniforms.

There are currently around 20 volunteers who have to undergo a programme that covers areas like first aid and drug and alcohol abuse.

In Wolverhampton, volunteers are asked to give up one evening a month.

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NEWS

First choice for 90pc of pupils

NINE out of 10 pupils in Staffordshire have been offered a place at their first-choice primary school – despite a rise in pupil numbers across the county.

The data shows an overwhelming majority of children have been allocated their top choice school, with 97 per cent in total offered a space at one of their top three preferred schools.

A total of 8,897 places have been allocated, with 8,167 of those receiving their first choice primary school and 8,648 getting one of their top three.

This is despite a rise in birth rates of up to 11 per cent in Staffordshire over the last 10 years, which has put increased pressure on school places.

Eric Robinson, deputy chief executive at Staffordshire County Council, said: "A huge percentage of parents in Staffordshire have got their first preference and have good reason to celebrate.

The 'twin peaks' of the Carvers drive-through warehouse, which will house a full range of products, is beginning to take shape

New warehouse is taking shape at fire-hit Carvers

FINALLY rising from the ashes, this is the new warehouse that is replacing the fire-ravaged base of Carvers in Wolverhampton.

Carvers Building Supplies was left devastated more than a year ago when the blaze tore through its warehouse, offices and shops. But work is now taking place to create a new warehouse as part of a £4 million plan and the building is taking shape.

The 3,000 sq ft warehouse has been designed with a lane through the middle and customer parking on either side that will allow vehicles to park next to the materials, picked them up and load them quickly under cover. Work at the site in Little's Lane is due to be completed by May 10 and there will be a two-week wait for the building's ground pad to dry out before internal racking can be installed. The drive-through is expected to be operating by mid June.

Significant

Planning permission has also been granted for a new main showroom and trade counters building, with work set to start in August. Henry Carver, managing director of the company, said: "We are obviously delighted that we are making significant progress with the rebuild and the launch of the new drive-through warehouse is imminent."

He added: "We are extremely grateful to our customers who have continued to be loyal during the last 12 months and very much look forward to providing them with a new and improved service that our new facility will provide."

The firm wants to create a "builders' village" following the devastating blaze. It will offer space for different trades such as tile and paint specialists to rent.The family business, which has been in the city since 1896, went up in flames on February 29, 2012.

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REVIEWS

Band deserves bigger stage

Two Door Cinema Club, Civic Hall, Wolverhampton

THIS Is The Life, I thought as I settled down to watch the Two Doors.

Bangor-born lead singer Alex Trimble doesn't have that distinctive Northern Irish brogue, but he puts his accent on his music and his band was so good it would have had Undercover Martyn coming out from the basement to enjoy.

From the opening Sleeps Alone, the hits followed, with Setting Sun, I Can Talk and new single Handshake, ending with What You Know.

And, in the absence of co-performer Valentina, the whole crowd joined in with The World is Watching.

Their music may be more familiar through use in TV commercials, but they merit a bigger stage. Someday, Next Year, they might just prove to all that Something Good Can Work and get the acclaim they deserve.

Mark Shipp

Favourite West End star still a charmer

Michael Ball, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

BRITAIN'S favourite West End leading man is still a charmer with a boyish twinkle in his eye at the age of 50. Ladies of a certain age whooped like teenyboppers with appreciation during this two-hour show.

Ball got rolling with a high-energy cover of Lady Gaga's Edge of Glory for a pop-orientated set mostly drawing upon his latest album, Both Sides Now.

This had the Bromsgrove-born showman giving a male perspective to songs associated with female singer-songwriters, including the title song by Joni Mitchell, Katie Melua's Closest Thing To Crazy and an excellent version of Birmingham songstress Joan Armatrading's Love and Affection.

After the interval, it was time for the show-stoppers as the theatre star gave the fans of the musicals what they wanted.

Backed by an 18 piece band, including three exceptional backing singers, Ball was on top form for Empty Tables from Les Mis and a selection of songs by Stephen Sondheim, including Not While I'm Around from Ball's 2012 starring role as Sweeney Todd, which was to win him the Olivier award the following night.

Michael Ball was at the Symphony Hall

The big finale was the Andrew Lloyd Webber song that made Ball a star, Love Changes Everything, and then the encores were party time as Ball sang his 1992 Eurovision runner-up song One Step Out Of Time, You Can't Stop The Beat from Hairspray and a hip-swivelling version of Tom Jones' Help Yourself to send the ladies home happy.

Leon Burakowski

Top marks for a first-class production

Crazy For You, Wolverhampton Grand Theatre

TOP marks for West Bromwich Operatic Society's latest production. Full of energy and enthusiasm, the company produced a first-class show. Accomplished all-rounder Leon Davies played the lead. Opposite him, Claire Kramer gave a polished performance and there was a good supporting cast.

It was also one of the few shows, amateur and professional, that clear vocals were appreciated.

Les Jowett

OMD enjoy comeback

OMD, Symphony Hall, Birmingham.

OMD's sweeping melodic synth-pop still has a special place in many hearts, hence the couples in their 40s and 50s who ensured a full house for their latest comeback.

New album English Electric has the same compelling appeal as their 80s heyday, combining lush electronics with Andy McCluskey's emotive vocals.

Fans greeted Metroland, from the latest album, like an old favourite. They got plenty of those including Tesla Girls, Maid of Orleans, Joan of Arc and Locomotion.

Paul Humphreys emerged from behind his keyboard to sing Forever Live and Die and returned to his post for the melancholy Souvenir.

They finished their main set with Enola Gay and returned for encores including Secret and Electricity.

Leon Burakowski

Masterpiece a 'must-see'

Blood Brothers, Wolverhampton Grand Theatre

THERE was a sea of tears as Maureen Nolan headed the cast of Bill Kenwright's latest production of this musical masterpiece.

As Mrs Johnson, she gives a heartfelt performance, while Sean Jones continues to play Mickey with total conviction.

Understudy Tim Churchill took on the difficult role of The Narrator at the last minute.

Blood Brothers remains a 'must-see'. It runs until Saturday.

Alison Norton

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REVIEW

Clearly a winning formula

Crazy For You
Grand Theatre

TOP marks for West Bromwich Operatic Society's latest production of Crazy For You at the Grand Theatre.

Full of energy and enthusiasm, this highly-polished company gave it their all. It was also one of the few shows, amateur and professional, that clear vocals were appreciated.

The costumes, sets, music, acting, dancing and singing were all superb.

Leon Davies playing the main lead is an accomplished all rounder, his dancing, vocals and acting were excellent.

Special

Playing opposite him, leading lady Claire Kramer gave a polished performance with exceptional vocals. Giving good support were Simon Pugh, Emma Wetherall, Simon McGee, Dave Storey, Trish Humphries, Rachel Davies and Rebecca Thorne.

Comedy was expertly provided by Nicholas Sullivan and Chris Sandhu.

Special mention must go to choreographer and director Mike Capri whose cowboys and follies were foot perfect in their dance routines.

LES JOWETT

The monsters of metal are making a comeback

BIRMINGHAM'S own rock prince of darkness Ozzy Osbourne will be back with his original band mates when legendary heavy metal outfit Black Sabbath come home for two gigs in their home city in the week before Christmas.

Black Sabbath, also featuring guitarist Tomy Iommi and bassist Geezer Butler, were formed in Aston in 1967 and on June 10 release their first studio album since 1978's Never Say Die.

New album 13 has been produced by Rick Rubin. Drum duties have been taken by Rage Against The Machine's Brad Wilk, as original drummer Bill Ward is not joining the reunion.

Arena

As part of a UK December tour, Black Sabbath will play the LG Arena on the 20th before heading into the city centre for an NIA gig on the 22nd. Tickets start at £45.

Other metal highlights include Finland's Eurovision winning shock rockers Lordi at The Institute in Digbeth on May 10; rock veterans Deep Purple featuring Ian Gillan at the NIA on October 15; Florida's Alter Bridge with Shinedown and Halestorm at the NIA on October 17.

Two rock guitar legends are coming up with Joe Satriani at Wolverhampton Civic on June 13 and Joe Bonamassa at the NIA on September 27.

Coming home for two Birmingham concerts in December – Black Sabbath members Geezer Butler, Ozzy Osbourne and Tony Iommi

PM Hacker in a spin at the Grand

HIT West End play Yes, Prime Minister is being staged at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday.

The original writers of the classic BBC TV series, Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn, have reunited for this production with a new satirical take on Whitehall.

Prime Minister Jim Hacker and his Cabinet Secretary Sir Humphrey Appleby are back, spinning out of control through the collapsing Euro and austerity measures.

Michael Fenton Stevens, from TV comedy Benidorm, will play Prime Minister Jim Hacker and Crispin Redman, fromLaw & Order: UK, will take the role of Sir Humphrey Appleby. Bernard Matus will join the cast as Principal Private Secretary Bernard Woolley.

Sex and class in a power struggle

UK Touring Theatre bring a new version of August Strindberg's Swedish 19th century drama Julia to Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre on Tuesday evening. A flirtation between an aristocratic lady and her father's valet during a midsummer's eve party results in a ferocious power struggle and a battle of the sexes in this classic play.

The Wulfruna Street venue also hosts a staging of George Orwell's 1984 by Sell A Door on Wednesday evening.

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Ant and Dec

Britain's Got Talent
ITV, 7.15pm
More wannabe stars take to the stage in the hope they have what it takes to impress the judges. We've already seen a host of promising acts wow the masses, from shy The Voice reject Alice Fredenham, to former Generation Game hostess Francine Lewis. That coveted Royal Variety Performance slot and a massive prize fund is up for grabs, but, as we all know, this is a hard-fought contest and anything can happen before that final in a few weeks' time. What we do know is Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon will pass judgement.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. **4.30** Final Score. **5.20** Pointless Celebrities. (R)

6.10 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.30 Doctor Who. Madame Vastra, Jenny and Strax investigate when the people of an 1893 Yorkshire mining town start dying of a mysterious affliction that leaves their bodies bright red and wax-like.

7.15 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which two pairs of strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject.

8.05 The Voice UK. The final round of blind auditions – the last chance for the remaining hopefuls to win a place on Jessie J, Will.i.am, Tom Jones or Danny O'Donoghue's team.

9.25 Casualty. Ash deals with his daughter's admission to the ED after she is hit by a police car driven by a drunken officer, while Tom's judgement is called into question.

10.15 BBC News; Weather.

10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, which included Queens Park Rangers v Arsenal and West Bromwich Albion v Wigan Athletic; National Lottery Update.

12.00 The Football League Show. **1.10** Weatherview. **1.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.55 Film:** Up in the World. (1956) **8.25 Film:** The Early Bird. (1965) **10.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. **12.00** University Challenge. (R) **12.30** Just a Minute. (R) **1.00** Live MotoGP. **2.00** EastEnders. (R) **3.50** Coast. (R) **4.30** Live Snooker: The World Championship. **5.30** Flog It!

6.30 Dad's Army. Mainwaring and the platoon try to capture three German airmen who have landed in a lake after bailing out and intend to stay in their dinghy until nightfall. (R)

7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Jason Mohammad presents coverage of the concluding session of the second semi-final at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where ties are contested over the best of 33 frames. Subsequent programmes are subject to change.

9.30 QI XL. Stephen Fry is joined by Jack Dee, Chris Addison, Rich Hall and regular panellist Alan Davies on an extended edition of the quiz with a difference. (R)

10.15 The United States of Television: America in Primetime. Alan Yentob reflects on the social changes that transformed the traditional image of a stay-at-home mother portrayed on American TV in the 1950s into the independent woman of today.

11.15 Film: Sin City. (2005) Three tales unfold and intertwine on the dark streets of a brutal and unforgiving city. Thriller, with Mickey Rourke, Bruce Willis and Clive Owen.

1.10 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Special Agent Oso. **6.10** Special Agent Oso. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Canimals. (R) **7.20** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.35** Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.00** Jessie. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Saturday Farm. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.20** My Tasty Travels with Lynda Bellingham. (R) **11.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** Fool Britannia. (R) **1.05** All Star Mr & Mrs. (R) **2.05** River Monsters. (R) **3.10** The Chase. (R) **4.10** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.45** Regional Programme; Weather.

6.00 ITV News; Weather.

6.15 You've Been Framed! Top 100 Weddings. Comedian Harry Hill narrates a countdown of 100 wedding-themed camcorder calamities and viewer-submitted mobile-phone clips. (R)

7.15 Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec host the nationwide talent search as another line-up of entertainers try to impress judges Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Alesha Dixon and Amanda Holden.

8.15 The Cube. Two more contestants take up the challenge.

9.20 The Jonathan Ross Show. With Zachary Quinto, Zoe Saldana and music by Thom Yorke.

10.20 ITV News; Weather.

10.35 Film: Basic Instinct. (1992) Thriller, starring Sharon Stone and Michael Douglas.

12.50 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Starter Wife. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** Caterham Motorsport. **7.00** FIM Superbike World Championship. **7.25** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.05** The Simpsons. (R) **12.35** Heston's Titanic Feast. (R) **1.40** Channel 4 Racing. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.10 Come Dine with Me. Businessman Ken Brown hosts the final dinner party in Co Durham and Wearside, and provides his guests with some unique entertainment before the winner is announced. (R)

6.40 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Sarah Beeny's Selling Houses. Homeowners in Windsor, Berkshire, look around one another's properties for improvement ideas and then spruce up their own on a £1,000 budget, hoping to attract buyers.

8.00 Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud follows interior designer Kathryn Tyler as she tries to fulfil her dream of creating a Scandinavian-style eco house in her mother's back garden in Cornwall. (R)

9.00 Film: Star Trek. (2009) Sci-fi adventure, with Chris Pine and Zachary Quinto.

11.25 Film: Premonition. (2007) Supernatural thriller, starring Sandra Bullock.

1.20 Film: Mahanagar. (1963) Drama, starring Madhabi Mukherjee. **3.35** Coming Up. (R) **4.05** Hollyoaks. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.15** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. (R) **10.50** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.15** Inside Hollywood. **11.20** Frontline Police. (R) **12.20** Emergency Bikers. (R) **1.20** Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild. (R) **2.25 Film:** Avalanche Express. (1979) **4.10 Film:** Breakheart Pass. (1975)

6.00 5 News Weekend.

6.05 Film: Stone Cold. (2005) A sleepy backwater town's hard-drinking chief of police pursues a serial killer and investigates the rape of a teenager. Detective drama, starring Tom Selleck.

7.30 NCIS. An attempted robbery leads to the death of a lieutenant. (R)

8.20 NCIS. The agents find out about a government organisation dedicated to child prodigies while investigating a marine's death, and realise a 12-year-old could be the killer's next target. (R)

9.20 Law & Order: Criminal Intent. An inspector for the department of health is murdered.

10.15 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A murder echoes a crime committed 20 years previously.

11.10 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A witness in a rape case is reluctant to testify.

12.10 SuperCasino. **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.20** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.45** County Secrets. (R) **4.55** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.05** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.15** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.35** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes **7.05** Animal Antics **7.35 Film:** G-Force (2009) **9.00** Sweat the Small Stuff **9.30** Russell Howard's Good News **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30 Film:** Old School (2003)

BBC Four
7.00 South Pacific **8.00** A303: Highway to the Sun **9.00** Arne Dahl: To the Top of the Mountain – Part One **10.30** Queen Live in Budapest: Hungarian Rhapsody

ITV2
2.35 Film: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) **4.20** You've Been Framed! **6.00 Film:** Twister (1996) **8.15** Britain's Got More Talent **9.20** Totally You've Been Framed! **10.15** Celebrity Juice **11.05** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **11.35** Britain's Got Talent

ITV3
2.00 A Touch of Frost **4.00 Film:** Watership Down (1978) **5.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Lewis **11.00** Taggart

ITV4
3.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. **7.30** Indian Premier League Greatest Hitters **8.30** River Monsters **9.35 Film:** Jaws 2 (1978) **11.55 Film:** Sweeney! (1977)

E4
5.25 The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Youngers **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** 2 Broke Girls **9.00 Film:** The Omen (2006) **11.15** The Big Bang Theory

Film4
3.10 Home Alone (1990) **5.10** She's the Man (2006) **7.10** Legend (1985) **9.00** Dogma. (1999) Comedy fantasy, starring Matt Damon. **11.30** Star Trek Into Darkness Interview Special **11.40** 30 Days of Night (2007)

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CHOICE

Azi Farni

Live MotoGP
BBC2, 12.30pm
The third round of the season takes place at the Circuito de Jerez, as the Spanish Grand Prix takes centre stage on the MotoGP calendar. Casey Stoner took the chequered flag last year after moving up from fifth on the starting grid, crossing the line less than a second ahead of pole-sitter Jorge Lorenzo. The Australian retired at the end of last year so won't be in contention to repeat his victory, and if the Grand Prix of the Americas is any indication, it appears a new racing prodigy could be one of the likely candidates to claim the glory here. With reports from Azi Farni.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.20** Countryfile. (R) **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.15** Helicopter Heroes. **2.45** Points of View. **3.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Songs of Praise. **4.35** Great Bear Stakeout. (R) **5.35** The Diamond Queen. (R)

6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Countryfile. Reports from Cambridgeshire, going behind the scenes of Newmarket racecourse, profiling local poet John Clare and telling the story of Victorian naturalist the Rev Leonard Jenyns. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The experts are in Chepstow, Monmouthshire, where items include early Olympic Games medals and a lightbulb containing a painstakingly made model of Lincoln Cathedral.

9.00 The Village. Old Bert recalls 1920, as the locals honour their war dead with the unveiling of a memorial. But there is upset when one name is left off the list of the fallen. Last in the series.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day 2. Colin Murray and guests look back at the day's Premier League matches, which were Manchester United v Chelsea at Old Trafford and Liverpool v Everton at Anfield.

11.35 Regional Programme.

12.05 The Sky at Night. **12.25 Film:** A Boy Called Dad. (2009) **1.40** Weatherview. **1.45** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.10 Film:** Experiment Perilous. (1944) Murder mystery, starring Hedy Lamarr. **7.40 Film:** The White Tower. (1950) Mountaineering drama, starring Alida Valli. **9.15** The A to Z of TV Gardening. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **12.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **12.30** Live MotoGP: The Spanish Grand Prix MotoGP race (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Coverage of the opening session of the final at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where the first eight frames of the match are scheduled to take place.

6.00 Coast. Stories linked to sea cliffs around the UK, with Nick Crane visiting a funicular railway at Saltburn-by-the-Sea and Andy Torbet taking part in an exercise with commando recruits. (R)

7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Hazel Irvine and Jason Mohammad present all the action from the second session of the final at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre, where a further nine frames are scheduled to take place. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

11.00 Dave Allen: God's Own Comedian. A look at the life, career and legacy of the Irish comedy writer and performer, featuring interviews with family and friends and rare archive material. (R)

12.00 Film: Romance and Cigarettes. (2005) Musical drama, starring James Gandolfini. **1.40** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.35** Holby City. Elliot and Ollie come into conflict. (R) **3.35** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

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6.15 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.30 ITV News; Weather.

6.45 Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts the revival of the game show in which contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000.

7.30 Off Their Rockers. A pensioner auditions for Britain's Got Talent.

8.00 Endeavour. A professor is killed in a hit-and-run. Last in the series.

10.00 Perspectives: Hugh Laurie: Copper Bottom Blues. The actor and musician delves into the history of the blues in America. Last in the series.

10.55 ITV News; Weather.

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union. Action from the final round of fixtures in the regular season.

12.10 The Store. **2.10** Monk. (R) **2.55** Motorsport UK. **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freesports on 4. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.50** The Simpsons. (R) **1.20** The Simpsons. (R) **1.50** Channel 4 Racing. **4.10** Deal or No Deal. **5.10** Five Minutes to a Fortune.

6.10 Channel 4 News.

6.30 Come Dine with Me. Four contestants take part in a week of competitive dining in Surrey, beginning with estate agent James Quantrell hosting a Best of British-themed evening. (R)

7.25 Film: Gulliver's Travels. (2010) Premiere. A man tries to prove himself by exploring the Bermuda Triangle, and ends up stuck on an island where he is a giant. Fantasy comedy, starring Jack Black and Emily Blunt.

9.00 Peter Kay Live: The Tour That Didn't Tour – Tour. Peter Kay brings his hugely successful tour to the small screen, returning to live stand-up comedy after a seven-year break. (R)

10.55 Film: The Waterboy. (1998) The coach of an American football team spots the talent of their put-upon waterboy and gives him the chance to prove himself on the pitch. Comedy, with Adam Sandler.

12.40 Film: Charulata. (1964) Drama, with Madhabi Mukherjee and Soumitra Chatterjee. **2.45** Coming Up. (R) **3.10** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **4.05** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.00** Countdown. (R) **5.45** SuperScrimpers. **5.50** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **6.30** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.45** Chloe's Closet. **6.55** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.00** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.15** Animal Antics. (R) **7.20** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.30** Mio Mao. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.50** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Milkshake! Show Songs. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **10.10** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. (R) **10.40** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.05** Climbing the Giants. (R) **11.35** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **12.35 Film:** Thunderpants. (2002) **2.20 Film:** Along Came Polly. (2004) **4.00 Film:** What a Girl Wants. (2003)

6.00 Film: Dirty Dancing. (1987) Romantic drama, with Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey.

8.05 Once Upon a Time. Dr Whale resurrects Regina's dead lover.

9.00 The Truth About Travellers.

9.55 5 News Weekend.

10.00 Film: London Boulevard. (2010) Premiere. Crime drama, with Colin Farrell.

11.55 Soho Blues. (R)

12.55 SuperCasino. **4.00** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.45** County Secrets. (R) **4.55** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.05** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.15** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.35** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Great TV Mistakes **7.10** Snog, Marry, Avoid? **7.40** The Voice UK **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **9.45** Sweat the Small Stuff: Extra Sweaty **10.30** Barely Legal Drivers **11.30** Family Guy

BBC Four
7.00 She-Wolves: England's Early Queens **8.00** Timewatch: Stonehenge **9.00** Margaret **10.55** Top of the Pops 1977: Big Hits **11.55** Top of the Pops 1978: Big Hits

ITV2
3.30 You've Been Framed! **4.35** Britain's Got Talent **5.40** Britain's Got More Talent **6.45 Film:** Peter Pan (2003) **9.00 Film:** 300 (2006) **11.20** Celebrity Juice

ITV3
3.50 Film: The Secret of My Success (1987) **5.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00 Film:** Seabiscuit (2003) Fact-based horse racing drama, with Tobey Maguire. **10.45** A Touch of Frost

ITV4
10.45 Live British Touring Car Championship. **6.00** BRDC Formula 4 Championship Highlights **7.00** World of Sport: 1980s **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Indian Premier League Cricket **10.00 Film:** Burn After Reading (2008)

E4
3.40 How I Met Your Mother **4.35** Revenge **5.30** New Girl **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** The Mindy Project **8.00 Film:** Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008) **9.55** Derren Brown: Enigma **11.35** 2 Broke Girls

Film4
3.05 Five Children and It (2004) **4.50** Inkheart (2008) **6.55** Another Stakeout (1993) **9.00** True Lies (1994) **11.45** Predator (1987)

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY
Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl, BBC1, 8.30pm
A buccaneer and a blacksmith commandeer a British ship and set sail in pursuit of a pirate captain who has kidnapped a colonial governor's daughter. However, their quarry and his crew are under a curse that turns them into living skeletons – and makes them impossible to kill. Swashbuckling fantasy adventure, starring Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley, Geoffrey Rush, Jack Davenport and Jonathan Pryce. (2003)

TUESDAY
Fast & Furious, ITV, 10.40pm
A phone call informing him of a friend's murder brings international fugitive Dominic Toretto back to his home city of Los Angeles in search of revenge. It is not long before his pursuit leads him to cross paths with FBI agent Brian, and despite their hostile feelings toward one another, the pair work together as part of a smuggling ring to bring down those responsible. Thriller sequel, starring Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Michelle Rodriguez and Jordana Brewster. (2009)

Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl, Monday, BBC1, 8.30pm

WEDNESDAY
The Ninth Gate, Channel 5, 9pm
A book dealer is hired by a wealthy collector to locate the two remaining copies of 17th-century work The Nine Gates to the Kingdom of Shadows. His search takes him to New York, Madrid and Paris as he becomes increasingly curious about rumours that the book's author collaborated with the Devil. Roman Polanski's horror, starring Johnny Depp, Emmanuelle Seigner, Frank Langella and Lena Olin. (1999)

THURSDAY
McBride: Fallen Idol, Channel 5, 3.20pm
McBride is devastated to learn his mentor, a talented defence attorney, has been stabbed to death outside his home. The crusading lawyer becomes involved in the case, and it quickly becomes apparent that the victim was hiding a dark secret. Mystery, starring John Larroquette, Marta DuBois and Matt Lutz. (2006)

FRIDAY
Mansfield Park, BBC2, 11.05pm
The impoverished parents of a headstrong young woman decide to send their daughter to live with wealthy relatives, ensuring her a brighter future. As she grows up, she becomes a keen observer of human nature, investigating attitudes to marriage and social status, while honing her skills as an author. Drama, based on Jane Austen's novel, starring Frances O'Connor, Harold Pinter, Embeth Davidtz, Jonny Lee Miller, Alessandro Nivola and James Purefoy. (1999)

Pick of the Week

Locals struggle to come to terms with their losses

Muck, grime and endless misery – those are the three things we'll take away from watching The Village, the BBC's relentlessly grim drama set in the Peak District in the early part of the 20th century.

That description may sound as if we've hated every minute of the six-part series, but that's just not true – it's been a masterclass in acting, with some amazing stories and characters. But boy, a little escape from the drudgery every now and then would have been nice.

But then again, they haven't had much to smile about.

"Life is a struggle for them and they scrape by and the marriage is quite strained due to the desperate situation," says Maxine Peake of her character, Grace Middleton, and her family.

This week, the plot moves on to 1920, and the Great War has been over for two years – but the village's residents are still counting the cost.

After being locked up thanks to his status as a conscientious objector, it's Eyre who notices the biggest differences, not just to the place itself, but the manner of his former friends and neighbours.

Soldiers continue to return from their duties overseas and expect to immediately settle into their old lives by going back to their factory jobs, little realising that the women who took their places have no intention of giving them up and have, in fact, joined a union.

Bert, now 18, invites his old teacher to stay with the Middletons, but it isn't a happy visit thanks to the tension caused by Joe's death - and the unveiling of the local war memorial doesn't improve the mood either.

Grace learns that her son's name won't be added to the list of the 'glorious dead', while Margaret discovers that her boy's body won't be coming home.

So, it's clear that Maxine's character still can't find happiness. At least the actress herself was more than happy to be involved with the project.

"I've never filmed in the Peak District before," she explains. "It's such a beautiful part of Britain, which I think gets slightly overshadowed by the Lake District when people think of Northern beauty spots.

"When I was around 10, I used to go to a Unitarian church and they had a hostel in Little Hucklow. We'd have breaks there going walking and pot-holing. I'd forgotten how breathtaking the scenery was until I started filming."

Despite having fun on set with co-stars such as John Simm and Juliet Stevenson, she's enjoyed getting back to the comforts of 2013 after filming: "We shot quite a few scenes with gas lamps and candles as the only source of light. It was a bit tricky doing certain scenes when you couldn't see the other actors you were talking to!

"Given the cold wet weather, an electric blanket would have been nice. Hot water bottles were my saviour when we were filming scenes in bed."

This is the last in the current series, and many more are planned so that the story of the Middletons is brought right up to date – here's hoping it won't be long before it's back.

John Simm heads the cast of The Village, Sunday, BBC1, 9pm

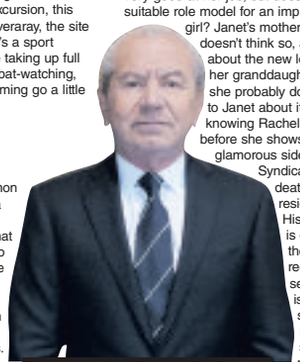
Best of the Rest

MONDAY
Live Snooker: The World Championship
BBC2, 7pm
Hazel Irvine and Jason Mohammad present the concluding session of this year's final at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where the successful player needs to reach 18 frames to lift the famous trophy. Ronnie O'Sullivan duly completed his victory in last year's final, turning a 15-10 advantage into an 18-11 triumph over Ali Carter to win the tournament for the fourth time, leaving Carter as runner-up for a second time. This time around, Mark Selby was fancied by many to reach this stage, having enjoyed a strong year so far, while Judd Trump entered the tournament looking to go one better than in 2011, when he was beaten by John Higgins in the showpiece match.

The Job Lot
ITV, 9.30pm
Although somewhat overshadowed last week by Vicious, ITV's other big Monday night launch show, this sitcom certainly showed lots of promise. Set in a Midlands job centre, it focuses on the staff and clients that either work, or would like to gain work, there. This week, Trish is fighting to boost the centre's figures, and brings in the heavy artillery – Army sergeant Steve Fox, who turns the place into a recruitment office, and ends up getting some unwanted interest from an unexpected source. Meanwhile, benefit fraud officer George tries to paper over the cracks when his attempt to catch a man who's been signing on while working as a decorator backfires.

TUESDAY
Caroline Quentin's National Parks
ITV, 8pm
Caroline Quentin's on her travels again. It only seems like two minutes since she was exploring Cornwall, and here she is, bags packed once more. This time she's visiting three of Britain's most spectacular National Parks, beginning with Loch Lomond and the Trossachs, which are nestled in the south west of Scotland. Caroline's first trip involves seeing the area from a great vantage point – via a sea-plane flight. She's left puffing and blowing by another excursion, this time involving caber-tossing at Inveraray, the site of the annual Highland Games. It's a sport Caroline is adamant she won't be taking up full time – let's hope her attempts at bat-watching, traditional dancing and wild swimming go a little bit better...

The Apprentice
BBC1, 9pm
Over the years we've seen Tim Campbell, Michelle Dewberry, Simon Ambrose, Lee McQueen, Yasmina Siadatan, Stella English, Thomas Pellereau and Ricky Martin (not that one) seize victory, but it remains to be seen which of this new lot have the right stuff to impress Alan Sugar and his cohorts. First task: Eight boys versus eight girls; each group is taken to a shipping container full of imported products. Their challenge? To work through the night to sort the products out and then sell everything before 4pm. If this lot leaves you hungry for more, don't miss sister show The Apprentice: You're Fired, in which Dara O Briain returns for another light-hearted autopsy with the first unlucky loser.


The Apprentice, Tuesday, BBC1, 9pm

WEDNESDAY
Scott & Bailey
ITV, 9pm
Rachel Bailey is independent, feisty, and very, very good at her job, but does that mean she's a suitable role model for an impressionable young girl? Janet's mother Dorothy certainly doesn't think so, as she worries about the new lodger's influence on her granddaughter Taisie. However, she probably doesn't need to speak to Janet about it just yet, as knowing Rachel, it won't be long before she shows Taisie her less glamorous side… Meanwhile, the Syndicate investigates the death of nursing home resident Gerald French. His daughter Catherine is concerned about the care he'd been receiving, and when a seemingly shy trainee is discovered slapping an elderly resident, it seems she may have a point.

THURSDAY
Murder on the Home Front
ITV, 9pm
The inventive, controversial and occasionally taboo-busting origins of forensic science are revealed in this thoroughly entertaining new wartime drama. The first episode follows Home Office pathologist Dr Lennox Collins and his vivacious secretary Molly Cooper (played by Boardwalk Empire's Patrick Kennedy and The Tudors' Tamzin Merchant) as they investigate the murder of a man found with a swastika carved into his head. When their ground-breaking techniques quickly disprove the guilt of a chief suspect, the duo come face-to-face with hostility on both sides of the law. Based on the memoirs of a wartime member of the Home Office Pathology Department, Murder on the Home Front promises to be a polished and exciting addition to ITV's roster of impressive period dramas.

FRIDAY
Pride & Prejudice: Having a Ball
BBC2, 9pm
What better way to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Pride and Prejudice than a ball? Of course, back in 1813, when Jane Austen's much-loved novel was first published, readers would have known exactly how to go about organising such a bash, but in the 21st century, we need a little help. So presenters Alistair Sooke and Amanda Vickery have drafted in a team of experts to recreate the Netherfield Ball, the intimate, country-house gathering that provides a key turning point in the relationship between Mr Darcy and Elizabeth Bennett.

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Codeword

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

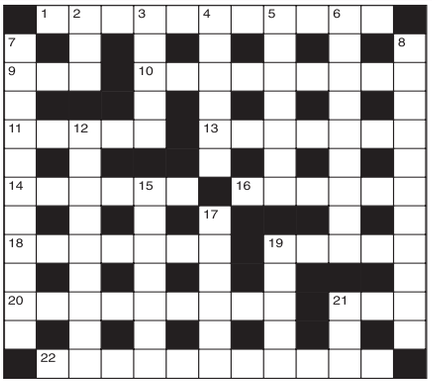
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. They have been worn by men in retirement (11)
9. It turns quiet at the end (3)
10. Does it provide wood for building aircraft? (5,4)
11. Most of the men attempt to find a way in (5)
13. Get in an unusual profit (3,4)
14. It contains a variety of provisions (6)
16. Women haven't the face to use them! (6)
18. In fairness, it's simply very cold water (7)
19. Part of the audit totalled up to the same thing (5)
20. Part of the tide of lawlessness? (5,4)
21. Slip up out of merriment (3)
22. The top salesmen in print? (4,7)

Down

2. I'm quiet, but he probably won't be! (3)
3. Pleased to be lucky (5)
4. Soils satins, perhaps (6)
5. Train that is brought to absolute rest (7)
6. Evict a sailor and look the other way (4,5)
7. His work is above most people! (11)
8. Where games are won by the over-forties (6,5)
12. It makes one admission after another (9)
15. It's clear I'd be involved in whatever occurred (7)
17. Be up in a local tax and get discount (6)
19. Live well on five hundred (5)
21. It may be pierced or just pricked (3)



Quick Clues:

Across

1. Sleight of hand (11)
9. Employ (3)
10. Transact (9)
11. Takes off (5)
13. Tarnished (7)
14. Scream (6)
16. Stress (6)
18. Performer (7)
19. Purchaser (5)
20. Abandon (4,5)
21. Fish (3)
22. January 1st (3,5,3)

Down

2. Sheep (3)
3. Sea-eagles (5)
4. Summary (6)
5. Sailor (7)
6. Fancied (9)
7. Get far ahead of (11)
8. Starring part (7,4)
12. Anticipation (9)
15. Rapture (7)
17. Part of the eye (6)
19. Consecrate (5)
21. Epoch (3)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Stag; 3 Prudence; 9 At heart; 10 Rumba; 11 General store; 13 Adroit; 15 Roller; 17 Fighting form; 20 Areas; 21 Ontario; 22 In the bag; 23 Isle. Down: 1 Shanghai; 2 Ashen; 4 Rattle; 5 Dark thoughts; 6 Numeral; 7 Eras; 8 Marry in haste; 12 Trombone; 14 Raiment; 16 Mimosa; 18 Ogres; 19 Sari. QUICK - Across: 1 Cite; 3 Campaign; 9 Noxious; 10 Levee; 11 Second nature; 13 Exotic;15 Afresh; 17 Superstition; 20 Twist; 21 Elevate; 22 Mutilate; 23 Very. Down: 1 Canister; 2 Toxic; 4 Assent; 5 Pilot-officer; 6 Inverse; 7 Need; 8 Coincidental; 12 Thundery; 14 Oculist; 16 Assert; 18 Irate; 19 Item.

Five-bed has been built to a high specification

The house called Holly Cottage is located on Mount Road

The spacious lounge features a brick-built fireplace

A FIVE-BEDROOMED detached family home in Wombourne built in 2003 to a very high specification for the current owners is for sale priced at £425,000.

The property, Holly Cottage, is in Mount Road in a sought-after cul-de-sac location and within walking distance of the centre of Wombourne village with shops, restaurants and other amenities.

Balcony

On the ground floor is an L-shaped reception hall with a guest cloakroom with inset wash basin and WC, while the living/dining room is 33ft 1in by 13ft 3in, the lounge area having a log burner inset into the chimney breast with brick style surround and tiled hearth and through to the dining area.

A conservatory, 16ft 4in by 8ft 10in, has French doors to the rear garden while the breakfast kitchen measuring 16ft 5in by 14ft 1in has a range of units with black granite work tops, Belfast style sink with mixer tap, integrated fridge, freezer and dishwasher, recess for range-style cooker into chimney breast with cooker hood above, dresser unit and island with electric hob and cooker hood above.

There is also a laundry room, 8ft 10in by 7ft, with a range of units, one and a half bowl sink drainer with mixer tap, plumbing for washing machine and space for dryer.

Bedroom one has a range of bedroom furniture with French style doors with a Juliet style balcony and an en suite with classic white period style suite including roll-top bath, separate shower enclosure, WC and wash basin with mixer tap.

There are four more bedrooms and a house bathroom with classic white period style suite including roll-top tub bath and separate shower cubicle.

Outside the property is set back beyond a large driveway with parking for a number of vehicles and leading to a garage, while the rear garden has a paved patio with level shaped lawns, borders, garden pond with waterfall and summerhouse.

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OFFERS AROUND £685,000

LOWER PENN

SHOWELL LANE • Outstanding traditional style 4 Bed Detached family residence delightfully positioned in exclusive surroundings on semi-rural south-western outskirts of Wolverhampton with farmland views to the rear, convenient for all facilities • Superbly presented and comfortably proportioned interior • Hall with Fitted Guest's Cloaks • Lounge • Dining Room • Sitting Room/Study • Breakfast Area and Kitchen with integrated appliances • Utility • En-Suite Shower Room & House Bathroom • Gas CH and majority uPVC double glazing • Garage • Magnificent 220 ft. south facing rear garden • Viewing absolutely essential ••NO UPWARD CHAIN•• EPC: TBA

OFFERS AROUND £410,000

SEISDON

EBSTREE ROAD • Attractive modern style 4 Bedroom Detached family residence occupying a delightful village setting about 7 miles south west of Wolverhampton, convenient for local facilities at nearby Wombourne • Roomy interior with Gas CH and double glazing • Porch and Reception Hall • Fitted Guest's Cloaks • 23ft Lounge with attractive fireplace and leading to double glazed Conservatory • Dining Room • Kitchen and adjoining Utility • 4 Bedrooms, one with wardrobes and En-Suite • House Bathroom • Double Garage and block-paved driveway • Enclosed rear garden • EPC: Band D

OFFERS AROUND £385,000

OFF PENN ROAD

• Distinctive Victorian detached residence pleasantly positioned in particularly convenient location with easy access into city centre about one mile distant • Spacious accommodation of considerable character retaining many charming original features and ideal for comfortable family living • Hall with fitted Cloakroom • Two separate but interlinking Reception Rooms, each with feature fireplace • 19ft Breakfast Kitchen with adjoining Utility Lobby • Four generously proportioned Bedrooms • Elegant contemporary-style Bathroom plus separate Shower Room and toilet • Gas-fired central heating • Driveway parking • Prettily landscaped gardens. (EPC:E)

OFFERS AROUND £315,000

PENN FIELDS

• Exceptionally attractive detached residence offering excellent five-Bedroomed family accommodation in pleasant neighbourhood with particularly easy access to local amenities and city centre • Extended layout of generous proportions, nicely presented throughout with lovely blend of traditional character and comfortably appointed modern specification • Porch and Hall • Two Living Rooms • 18ft Breakfast Kitchen with extensive range of fittings • Laundry / Cloaks / Shower Room • Master Bedroom with built-in wardrobes and elegant contemporary-style Shower Room en-suite • Four further Bedrooms • Family Bathroom including shower • Gas-fired central heating • Virtually full double glazing • Large Garage plus two driveway parking facilities • Southerly aspect rear garden.(EPC:E)

OFFERS AROUND £279,950

MERRY HILL

• Cottage-style detached residence of interesting individuality, situated on the western edge of the city conurbation and with benefit of Paddock and Stabling to rear. Roughly two acres in total • Attractively presented accommodation with scope for further potential to be exploited including enlargement of layout (S.T.P.P) • Porch and Hall • Bay-fronted Dining Room • Sitting Room with marble fireplace • 20ft Conservatory with WC off • Neatly fitted Kitchen including integrated appliances • Two Bedrooms • Bathroom and additional independent Shower Room • Gas-fired central heating • Majority double glazing • Lengthy west-facing garden with extensive Paddock including Loose Boxes beyond. (EPC:E)

OFFERS AROUND £274,950

PENN

• Elegant modern detached bungalow enjoying excellent setting in popular mature neighbourhood and backing onto playing fields • Compact appearance conceals surprisingly roomy accommodation, equally suitable for family occupation or retirement purposes and appointed to comfortable contemporary specification • Spacious L-shaped Living Room with defined Sitting and Dining areas • Superbly equipped Kitchen including range of integrated appliances • Large Master Bedroom with en-suite Shower Room • Two further good-sized Bedrooms • Principal Bathroom • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Detached garage plus forecourt parking • Prettily landscaped 80ft garden with favoured south-westerly aspect. (EPC:C)

OFFERS AROUND £249,950

COMPTON

• Modern-style detached residence, well situated within much favoured neighbourhood with good local amenities close by and easy direct access into city centre • Comfortably proportioned internal layout, neatly presented and attractively appointed whilst offering scope for further potential to be exploited • Fitted Cloaks / Shower Room off Hall • Lounge with feature fireplace • Separate Dining Room • 14ft Breakfast Kitchen plus adjoining 8ft Utility • . Four Bedrooms • Bathroom • Gas-fired central heating • Upvc-framed double glazed windows • 32ft Garage plus block-paved forecourt parking • Nicely landscaped garden with good degree of privacy and south-westerly aspect.(EPC:C)

OFFERS AROUND £249,950

PERTON

• Exceptionally attractive detached residence in prominent corner position with pleasant aspects onto fields on the edge of this highly popular development • Impressively extended layout provides ideal family accommodation, beautifully presented throughout • Fitted Cloakroom off Hall • Spacious Lounge with limestone fireplace • 19ft Dining Room • 18ft Breakfast Kitchen with superb range of fittings and integrated appliances • Study / Office • Master Bedroom with luxurious Shower Room en-suite • Three further Bedrooms • Stylish Bathroom • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Garage plus block-paved forecourt parking facilities • Excellent corner plot includes prettily landscaped rear garden with good degree of privacy.(EPC:TBC)

OFFERS AROUND £239,500

WESTON UNDER LIZARD

• Outstanding mews cottage in select small courtyard development just off historic Watling Street and ideally placed for commuting into Telford and West Midlands conurbations • Extended accommodation of surprisingly spacious layout and particularly well appointed specification • Fitted Cloakroom off Hall • Large open plan Living Room with defined Sitting and Dining Areas • Elegant Conservatory • Impressively equipped Breakfast Kitchen including range of integrated appliances • Master Bedroom with en-suite Bathroom • Second Bedroom with en-suite Shower Room • Two further Bedrooms and House Bathroom • Oil-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Garage converted to provide Store / Utility Area plus additional Office • Landscaped gardens including feature patio areas.(EPC:D)

OFFERS AROUND £235,000

FINCHFIELD

• Distinctively individual cottage-style detached residence in lovely setting opposite picturesque wooded grounds of Bantock Park and Ideally placed for easy access into city centre • Spacious three-storey accommodation blending delightful traditional character features with very comfortable modern appointments • Two Living Rooms, each with feature fireplace • 19ft Breakfast Kitchen with fine range of fittings • Four Bedrooms (two with wardrobes) • Elegant white period-style Bathroom • Useful Landing Study Area • Gas-fired central heating • Majority double glazing • Garage plus block-paved forecourt parking facilities • Attractively landscaped garden including extensive patios, pool etc. (EPC:F)

OFFERS AROUND £225,000

WOMBOURNE

REDCLIFFE DRIVE • Neatly presented and pleasantly positioned modern style 2 Bed Detached Bungalow in popular cul-de-sac setting off established Rookery Road, a short walk to the picturesque village centre and a selection of facilities and amenities • Hall • Lovely Lounge with bow window • Dining Room • Breakfast Kitchen with pine units • 2 Bedrooms, one with wardrobes • Bathroom with shower • Gas CH to radiators and uPVC double glazing • Garage and Carport plus additional Garage • Low maintenance gardens plus additional terraced garden • NO UPWARD CHAIN • EPC Band E

OFFERS AROUND £219,950

WOMBOURNE

ROOKERY ROAD • Significantly enlarged traditional style 3 Bed Semi-Detached residence occupying a pleasantly established position within walking distance of the village centre and with a delightful open aspect to the rear • Comfortably spacious accommodation • Hall • 24ft through Lounge • Dining Area and Kitchen • 3 generous sized Bedrooms (easily converted to 4 bed layout if required) • Bathroom with separate shower cubicle • Separate Toilet Room • Gas CH and double glazing • Garage and off-road Parking • Raised block-paved Patio to rear • EPC: D

OFFERS AROUND £182,950

PENN

• Much improved traditional-style semi pleasantly positioned in highly favoured neighbourhood particularly well served by local amenities • Extended layout offers comfortable family accommodation with impressively appointed specification presented most attractively • Porch and Hal • 27ft Living Room providing defined Sitting and Dining Areas • 16ft Breakfast Kitchen with stylish fittings and integrated appliances • Three generously proportioned Bedrooms all with fitted wardrobes • Smart modern Bathroom • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Large double-width Garage plus Workshop / Utility and fitted Cloakroom • Neatly landscaped gardens, south-facing to rear. (EPC:F)

OFFERS AROUND £166,950

WOMBOURNE

COMMON ROAD • Absolutely superb!! • Comprehensively refurbished and stylishly appointed 2 Bed Mid-Terraced conveniently positioned near to local shopping and public transport and handy for schools • Smartly presented interior requires full inspection for overall appreciation • Two Reception Rooms, one with exquisite fireplace • Luxury "galley" style Kitchen with built-in oven, hob and hood • Fitted Cloaks • 2 generous Bedrooms • Refitted Bathroom • Gas CH, uPVC double glazing & energy efficient LED lighting • Off-Road Parking • Raised timber decking and long lawned garden • Ideal first home ••NO UPWARD CHAIN•• EPC: E

OFFERS AROUND £139,950

WOMBOURNE

BULL LANE • Neatly presented 2 Bed Semi-Detached House in pleasant location on northern village fringes convenient for local facilities and schools • Interior layout features Gas CH and uPVC double glazing • Entrance Hall with Fitted Cloakroom/Utility • Comfortable Lounge with attractive fireplace • Spacious Dining Kitchen • Lean-to Verandah/Garden Room • 2 good Bedrooms, one with wardrobes • Refitted Bathroom with white suite and shower attachment • Off-Road parking and pleasantly established rear ••NO UPWARD CHAIN•• EPC: TBC

OFFERS AROUND £139,950

OFF TETTENHALL ROAD

• Quaint semi-detached cottage offering superbly refurbished accommodation in very pleasant setting with particularly easy direct access into city centre • Beautifully presented throughout with excellent standard of appointment and stylish decorative finishes • Two Living Rooms • Cellar Store / Office / Playroom • Attractively equipped Galley Kitchen • Two Bedrooms • Elegant period-style Bathroom • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Paved rear yard opening onto 100ft rear garden with south-easterly aspect. (EPC:D)

OFFERS AROUND £134,950

WOMBOURNE

REDHILL AVENUE • Spacious 3 Bed Semi-Detached House in convenient cul-de-sac position off Common Road handy for the village facilities and schools • Some cosmetic upgrading would be beneficial but offers reasonably comfortable accommodation • Hall with Bathroom off • 17ft Living Room with gas fire • Breakfast Kitchen with a stylish range of units and built-in oven etc. • Conservatory/Rear Porch with Toilet/Utility off • 3 good sized Bedrooms • Shower Room • Gas CH and double glazing • Timber Garage and Sheds • Gardens to front and rear ••NO UPWARD CHAIN•• EPC: TBC

OFFERS AROUND £130,000

WOMBOURNE

COMMON ROAD • Surprisingly roomy 2 Bed Mid-Terraced House with pretty "cottage" styling conveniently positioned close to local shopping and schools and handy for public transport • In need of some updating but offering enormous scope as an improvement project • Entrance Porch • 21ft Living Room • 19ft "galley" style Kitchen • Inner Lobby with Bathroom off • Two Bedrooms • Gas CH and uPVC double glazing • Low maintenance rear Garden • Spacious Summerhouse/Home Office ••NO UPWARD CHAIN•• EPC: E

OFFERS AROUND £120,000

OXLEY

• Very attractively presented semi-detached house nicely positioned backing onto allotment gardens in popular residential neighbourhood with equally convenient access to city centre and motorway network • Impressively refurbished accommodation of spacious layout and stylish standard of appointment • Lounge with marble fireplace • 20ft Dining Kitchen with excellent range of fittings and appliances • Utility area with stores and WC off • Three Bedrooms • Fully tiled Bathroom with smart white suite including shower • Majority gas-fired central heating • Partial double glazing. Block-paved forecourt plus parking facility • Neatly landscaped garden, not overlooked from rear. (EPC:D)

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£585,000

COALWAY ROAD PENN

A very spacious and impressive Detached Family Residence of considerable character and distinction standing in a large private garden setting extending to approximately one third of an acre, in this highly popular area. Arched porch, large reception hall, dining room, lounge, breakfast room opening into a superbly refitted kitchen, utility room, large landing/study area, four excellent bedrooms, deluxe bathroom, separate w.c., built-in garage, CH, secondary and double glazing. Energy Rating: E

£357,500

CORDELIA BREWOOD ROAD COVEN

A much improved and delightfully presented Detached Double fronted Bungalow of considerable attraction and charm enjoying a pleasant setting close to the village centre. Porch, reception hall, through lounge/dining area, newly fitted breakfast kitchen, inner hall, two good bedrooms, deluxe bathroom, garage, attractive landscaped gardens. The porperty affords considerable extension possibilities (subject to PP). Energy rating: D

£249,995

DERWENT ROAD PALMERS CROSS

A much extended and particularly pleasing Detached Family Residence of considerable appeal enjoying an attractive secluded setting in this highly popular road. Reception hall, study/bedroom 4, inner hall, cloakoom, with w.c., dining room, lounge, kitchen, three first floor bedrooms, two bathrooms, CH, uPVC double glazing, garage, large lawned rear garden. No upward chain. Energy rating: E

£249,500

FINCHFIELD LANE FINCHFIELD

A considerably extended and well appointed Semi Detached Family Residence of considerable attraction and charm enjoying a choice setting in this lovely tree lined road. Enclosed porch, hall, cloaks, shower room with w.c., lounge, separate dining room, superbly fitted breakfast kitchen, utility room, Victorian styled uPVC double glazed conservatory, three good bedrooms, deluxe bathroom, loft room, CH, uPVC DG, garage, landscaped rear garden. Reasonable offers considered for early sale. Energy rating: D

£225,000

FANCOURT AVENUE PENN

An especially attractive Semi Detached Family Residence of considerable appeal enjoying a lovely setting in this much favoured cul-de-sac. Enclosed porch, hall, dining room, lounge, breakfast kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, uPVC DG, CH, garage. A particular feature of this delightful property is the large beautifully landscaped rear garden. No upward chain. Energy rating: D

Offers £164,995

PRINCETON GARDENS PENDEFORD

A particularly pleasing and well planned Detahced Bungalow of considerable appeal pleasantly situated just off Sonning Drive. Reception hall, lounge, dining room, breakfast kitchen, enclosed porch entrance, uPVC DG conservatory, two bedrooms, wet room with shower and w.c., CH, uPVC DG, garage, easy to maintain gardens. No upward chain. Energy rating: D

Offers £159,000

HOLLYBUSH LANE PENN

A delightfully presented and well appointed Semi Detached Family Residence of considerable attraction standing in a lovely garden setting in this very popular road. Tile canopy porch, hall, lounge, dining room, well fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, deluxe bathroom, uPVC DG, gas CH, ample parking space, detached workshop at the rear. Viewing recommended. Energy rating: E

Offers £157,000

BECKMINSTER ROAD PENN FIELDS

A spacious and much improved Semi Detached Family Residence of traditional character, pleasantly situated in this popular area just off Coalway Road. Storm porch, hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility/morning room,three bedrooms, bathroom, separate w.c., CH, part uPVC DG, garage, ample parking space, attractive garden. Energy rating: E

£155,000

KYLE CLOSE, OXLEY

An attractively presented and most pleasing end town house enjoying a secluded setting just off Oxley Moor Road. Entrance lobby, lounge, dining kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, uPVC DG, CH, laid out gardens, Communal parking at the rear. Awaiting EPC.

Offers £119,950

BELMONT ROAD PENN

A Middle Terraced House of traditional character enjoying a pleasant setting in this popular area just off Mount Road. Porch, hall, through lounge, dining room, kitchen, landing, three bedrooms, bathroom, uPVC DG, CH, enclosed rear garden. Energy rating: D

£117,500

FOWLER STREET BLAKENHALL

An attractively styled Semi Detached Bungalow of much appeal, holding a very convenient situation close to a wide range of local amenities and well placed for the City Centre. "L" shaped hall, lounge, dining kitchen, three bedrooms, deluxe bathroom, majority uPVC double glazing, CH, off road parking space, lawned rear garden. Energy Rating: D

Ofers, guide £112,000

PENDENE COURT PENN ROAD PENN

An attractive First Floor Retirement Apartment built by McCarthy and Stone in 2000 holding a lovely setting within this popular sheltered complex, standing in beautifully landscaped grounds studded with fine mature trees and shrubs. Hall, living room, kitchen, double bedroom, bathroom, double glazing, electric heating. There is also an attractive Residents/Guests lounge on the ground floor and a separate laundry room, together with a guest suite for families/visitors (subject to a small charge). Residents and visitors parking facilities. Energy rating: C

£108,000

RINGWOOD ROAD BUSHBURY

A traditionally styled Semi Detached House well situated for a wide range of local amenities. Canopy porch, hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, rear lobby, bathroom with w.c., three bedrooms, CH, uPVC DG, off road parking, gardens. Awaiting EPC.

Offers £85,000 For Early Sale

MALCOLM COURT LOWER VAUXHALL

An attractively presented third floor Apartment ideal for first time buyer or investor seeking rental income, well positioned for the City Centre and close to West Park. Hall, living room, fitted kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, part electric heating, uPVC double glazing, communal gardens and parking space (subject to availability). Energy rating: E

£57,950

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FINCHFIELD ADAMS ROAD £295,000

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BENTLEY BRIDGE PARK RUDD GARDENS £259,995

"A MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME SITUATED IN CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION ON A POPULAR DEVELOPMENT" Comprising wc, generous lounge with separate dining room, open plan kitchen diner, sitting room/office, FOUR BEDROOMS with master en-suite & separate bathroom, pleasant front & rear gardens with garage to side. Energy rating D.

FINCHFIELD THE DINGLE £210,000

"A CHAIN FREE THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE SITUATED ON A GENEROUS SIZE PLOT" Comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, sitting room/Bedroom Three, kitchen, cloakroom, two further bedrooms, family bathroom, two garages, block paved front driveway and generous size rear garden. VIEWING ADVISED. Energy rating D.

WEDNESFIELD BROAD LANE SOUTH £205,000

••• SET ON A CORNER PLOT ON THE POPULAR BROAD LANE SOUTH THIS DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE HAS EXTENSION POSSIBILITIES (STPP) ••• Comprising reception hall, lounge, sitting room with study area, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, front & rear gardens, 34ft garage, extra land to side. Energy rating E.

FEATHERSTONE PRIMROSE GARDENS £189,995

"A FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE SITUATED IN CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION" Comprising hall, cloakroom, lounge, modern fitted kitchen/dining room, utility room, four bedrooms, bathroom, front & rear gardens, off road parking & garage.Energy rating D.

BRADMORE VICTORIA ROAD £179,995

"A GREATLY EXTENDED FOUR BEDROOM TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED HOUSE"Comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge through dining room, extended kitchen breakfast room, master bedroom with en-suite, three further bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking to front, garage, generous size rear garden. Energy rating D.

MOSELEY PARKLANDS BONVILLE GARDENS £179,995

••• SET IN A POPULAR CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION THIS HIGHLY DECEPTIVE FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED PROPERTY REQUIRES VIEWING TO FULLY APPRECIATE ••• Comprising ground floor wc, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, conservatory, FOUR BEDROOMS, bathroom, carport, garage to rear & pleasant rear views. Energy rating TBC.

ESSINGTON HILL STREET £172,995

•••SITUATED IN THE SOUGHT AFTER VILLAGE OF ESSINGTON POPULAR FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS & COMMUTING, THIS DETACHED RESIDENCE REQUIRES VIEWING TO FULLY APPREOIATE•••Comprising large open plan lounge diner, feature conservatory, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom with separate wc, front & rear garden, garage.Energy rating D

BRADMORE WENLOCK AVENUE £169,995

"A THREE BEDROOM LINK DETACHED HOUSE SITUATED ON A GENEROUS SIZE PLOT" Comprising entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, side entry with utility area, three bedrooms, family bathroom, front & rear gardens, off road parking to side of the property & carport. Energy rating E.

OXLEY OXLEY MOOR ROAD £239,995

•• DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY ••• "DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY (STPP) A DETACHED HOUSE ON A LARGE PLOT (DETACHED BUNGALOW NEXT DOOR ALSO FOR SALE SEPARATELY)" Comprising ground floor wc, lounge, living room, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, fitted bathroom, large front & rear gardens with outbuildings. Energy rating F.

OXLEY OXLEY MOOR ROAD £199,995

••• DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY •••
"A CORNER PLOT DETACHED BUNGALOW WITH DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY (STPP) NEXT DOOR ALSO FOR SALE SEPARATELY" Comprising wc, lounge, dining room/Bedroom Four, kitchen, utility, three/four bedrooms, two dressing area/study area/nursery, three bathrooms, large frontage, rear garden. Energy rating E

MOSELEY PARKLANDS WIMHURST MEADOWS £169,995

•••SITUATED ON AN END PLOT WITHIN A CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION, THIS HIGHLY DECEPTIVE DETACHED HOME OFFERS FLEXIBLE LIVING ACCOMMODATION••• Comprising wc, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 16ft utility, 18ft workshop both with ground floor bedroom conversion opportunities, bathroom, front & rear gardens. Energy rating C.

WEDNESFIELD AMOS LANE £165,000

•••SITUATED ON THE POPULAR AMOS LANE & AVAILABLE WITH NO UPWARD CHAIN, THIS LINK DETACHED PROPERTY IS READY TO MOVE IN••• Comprising lounge, separate dining room, fitted kitchen with separate utility, three bedrooms, fitted bathroom, arge frontage with ample off road parking, rear garden, garage. Energy rating E.

WOMBOURNE, GIGGETTY LANE £164,950

"SET ON A GENEROUS PLOT THIS EXTENDED SHOWHOME STYLED SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY REQUIRES VIEWING TO FULLY APPRECIATED" Comprising generous lounge, open plan dining kitchen, utility, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom & gf shower room, off road parking, garage to side, rear garden. Energy rating D.

WEDNESFIELD ROCESTER AVENUE £157,500

"A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE THIS UNIQUE THREE/FOUR BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY" Comprising large open plan lounge with adjoining sitting room, open plan kitchen/diner, utility/wc, THREE/FOUR bedrooms, TWO BATHROOMS, front garden with off road parking, rear garden.Chain free. Energy rating E.

WEDNESFIELD ELLARDS DRIVE £157,500

••• A HIGHLY DECEPTIVE MODERN DETACHED HOME SITUATED IN A POPULAR CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION •••Comprising generous lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen with separate utility, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom, pleasant front & rear gardens, garage to side. VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. Energy rating E.

BILSTON CADGWITH GARDENS £149,995

"A REMODERNISED & WELL PRESENTED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE IN A CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION" Comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, modern fitted kitchen breakfast room, three bedrooms, modern bathroom, concrete print driveway leading to garage, private rear garden. VIEWING ADVISED. Energy rating D.

PENDEFORD ALVERSTOKE CLOSE £140,000

"A CHAIN FREE THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE SITUATED IN A CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION" Comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge through dining room, kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms, family bathroom, driveway leading to carport, front & rear gardens. Energy rating D.

DUNSTALL PARK PADDOCK VIEW £139,995

"A WELL PRESENTED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE IN A CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION" Comprising entrance hall, GROUND FLOOR CLOAKROOM WITH WC, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, family bathroom, driveway and garage, front & rear gardens. VIEWING ADVISED. Energy rating D .

WEDNESFIELD STUBBY LANE £139,995

••AN EXTENDED & HIGHLY DECEPTIVE DETACHED HOME WITH FOUR RECEPTION ROOMS•• Benefiting from lounge, sitting room, dining area, breakfast room, fitted kitchen, utility, three bedrooms, BATHROOM & GROUND FLOOR SHOWER ROOM, large frontage with off road parking, rear garden, garage/hobby room. Energy rating C .

FEATHERSTONE THE AVENUE £135,000

"VIEWING IS RECOMMENDED TO APPREOIATE THIS EXTENDED FAMILY HOME" Comprising ground floor wc, generous lounge, feature dual fuel burner, dining room with good size adjoining kitchen, three good size bedrooms, bathroom, pleasant front & rear gardens, off road parking, garage. Energy rating E.

WILLENHALL HAWKSWELL DRIVE £575 pcm

- 2 Bedroom
- Driveway
- Garage
- Double Glazed
- Rear Garden
- EPC Rating: E

BLAKENHALL BARCROFT ROAD £575 pcm

- 2 Bedroom
- Central Heated
- Driveway
- Rear Garden
- Fitted Kitchen
- EPC Rating: C

PENN ALEXANDRA ROAD £825 pcm

- 4/5 Bedroom
- Double Glazed
- Central Heated
- Rear Garden
- Detached
- EPC Rating: D

WOLVERHAMPTON PENNANT COURT £525 pcm

- 2 Bedroom
- Electric Heated
- Ground Floor
- Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazed
- EPC Rating: C

PENDEFORD WHEATSHEAF ROAD £425 pcm

- 1 Bedroom
- Central Heated
- Ground Floor
- Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazed
- EPC Rating: D

PARKFIELDS MYATT AVENUE £495 pcm

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- Double Glazed
- Central Heated
- Rear Garden
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- Double Glazed
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- 3 Bedroom
- Garage
- Central Heating
- Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazed
- EPC Rating: D

WOLVERHAMPTON MERRIDALE ROAD £475 pcm

- 2 Bedroom
- Furnished
- Courtyard
- Fitted Kitchen
- Central Heated
- EPC Rating: D

WEDNESFIELD LONG KNOWLE LANE £550 pcm

- 3 Bedroom
- 2 Receptions
- Garage
- Rear Garden
- Fitted Kitchen
- EPC Rating: E

BUSHBURY HUMPHRIES ROAD £525 pcm

- 2 Bedroom
- Furnished
- Apartment
- Allocated Parking
- Double Glazed
- EPC Rating D

DUDLEY ATTINGHAM DRIVE £500pcm

- 2 Bedroom
- Double Glazed
- En Suite
- Communal Gardens
- Allocated Parking
- EPC Rating C

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WILLENHALL CHENISTON ROAD £129,995

•••A REMODERNISED SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY REQUIRING VIEWING TO FULLY APPRECIATE, AVAILABLE WITH NO UPWARD CHAIN & READY TO MOVE IN••• Comprising generous lounge, sun room, refitted open plan dining kitchen, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom, front & rear gardens with off road parking, carport. Energy rating TBC.

WILLENHALL MILCOTE DRIVE £129,995

••• A SHOWHOME STYLE REMODERNISED SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY IN A CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION••• Comprising open plan lounge diner, feature conservatory, refitted kitchen with integrated appliances, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, large bathroom, front & rear low maintenance gardens with garage. Energy rating C.

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BRADLEY HALLGREEN STREET £120,000

•• AMAZING DEAL •• A BRAND NEW DEVELOPMENT OF SEMI DETACHED & DETACHED HOMES •• Comprising fitted kitchen with named appliances, large lounge, wc, three bedrooms, bathroom, front & large rear gardens with off road parking. Energy rating TBC.

BRADLEY HALLGREEN STREET £119,995

•• AMAZING DEAL •• A BRAND NEW DEVELOPMENT OF SEMI DETACHED & DETACHED HOMES •• Comprising fitted kitchen with named appliances, large lounge, wc, three bedrooms, bathroom, front & large rear gardens with off road parking. Energy rating TBC

WILLENHALL BLOXWICH ROAD SOUTH £125,000

"A MODERN STYLE HIGHLY DECEPTIVE MID TOWN HOUSE PROPERTY WITH FLEXIBLE LIVING ACCOMMODATION" Comprising ground floor wc, lounge, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, fitted bathroom with master en-suite, front & rear gardens, WITH REAR ACCESS & SEPARATE GARAGE & OFF ROAD PARKING. Energy rating C.

BILSTON BIRMINGHAM NEW ROAD £115,000

"A CHAIN FREE TRADITIONAL THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED" Comprising entrance hall, lounge through dining room, open plan modern fitted kitchen, three bedrooms and a modern fitted shower room. This property also benefits from having front & rear gardens. Energy rating D.

WILLENHALL BUCKINGHAM DRIVE £117,500

•••A CHAIN FREE SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY WITH DETACHED GARAGE TO REAR•••Comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility area, three bedrooms, generous bathroom, front & rear gardens, off road parking, detached garage.

WEDNESFIELD PINFOLD GARDENS £110,000

•••SITUATED IN A CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION CLOSE TO WEDNESFIELD TOWN CENTRE WITH CANAL VIEWS TO REAR•••Comprising lounge with adjoining dining room, fitted kitchen, side lean to/utility, three bedrooms, bathroom, front & rear gardens with garage to side.

BILSTON WELLINGTON ROAD £105,000

A SPACIOUS TRADITIONAL THREE BEDROOM MID TERRACE HOUSE ••• OFF ROAD PARKING TO REAR ••• Briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, sitting room, kitchen breakfast room, three generous size bedrooms, family bathroom, generous size rear garden. VIEWING ADVISED TO APPRECIATE THE SIZE & CONDITION. Energy rating TBC.

BILSTON PARK MEADOW AVENUE £108,000

" A CHAIN FREE MODERN THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE" Comprising entrance hall, ground floor cloakroom, lounge, kitchen breakfast room, three bedrooms and a family bathroom. This property also benefits from having a driveway leading to garage, front & rear gardens. Energy rating D.

PORTOBELLO HILL ROAD £105,000

•••IDEAL FOR THE BLACK COUNTRY ROUTE & M6 MOTORWAY COMMUTERS VIEWING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO APPRECIATE THIS PROPERTY ON OFFER•••Comprising lounge, ground floor wc, dining room/office, refitted kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom, gated off road parking, pleasant rear garden, garage to side.Energy rating E.

WEDNESFIELD MERRICK ROAD £105,000

"IDEAL FIRST TIME BUYER OR STARTER FAMILY PURCHASE BENEFITING FROM A LARGE REAR GARDEN" This traditional property comprises a 19ft lounge diner, refitted breakfast kitchen, utility/office conversion potential with two outbuildings, two bedrooms, bathroom with separate wc, front & large rear garden. Energy rating D.

BILSTON JULIE CROFT £97,500

"A TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE" Comprising entrance hall, lounge through dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms and family bathroom. This property also benefits from having front & rear gardens, driveway and garage. Energy rating D.

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"VIEWING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO APPRECIATE THIS HIGHLY DECEPTIVE PROPERTY" Comprising open plan lounge diner, kitchen with adjoining utility (with office conversion potential), two bedrooms, bathroom with bath & separate shower cubicle, off road parking, split level rear garden. Energy rating D.

WEDNESFIELD LAWFRED AVENUE £95,000

•••A CHAIN FREE TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY SITUATED IN CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION CONVENIENTLY LOCATED FOR WEDNESFIELD SHOPPING••• Comprising lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, front and pleasant rear garden with off road parking. Energy rating C..

EASTFIELD DEANSFIELD ROAD £94,995

"A CHAIN FREE THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE IN NEED OF SOME MODERNISATION & REDECORATION" Comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, enclosed side entrance, ground floor wc, three bedrooms, family bathroom, front & rear gardens. Energy rating C.

PARKFIELDS COTSWOLD ROAD £92,000

"A REFURBISHED TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE" Comprising porch, entrance hall, cloakroom with wet room area with shower, lounge, dining room, modern fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, office area (Vendor is willing to convert to bedroom or bathroom) front & rear gardens. Energy rating D.

BILSTON ETTINGSHALL ROAD £90,000

"A CHAIN FREE THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE IN A CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION IN NEED OF SOME MODERNISATION & REDECORATION" Comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen breakfast room, lean to, three bedrooms, family bathroom, front & rear gardens. Energy rating E.

WOLVERHAMPTON WEDNESFIELD ROAD £89,995

"A CHAIN FREE END PROPERTY REQUIRES VIEWING TO FULLY APPRECIATE, CONVENIENTLY LOCATED FOR WOLVERHAMPTON CITY CENTRE" Comprising ground floor wc, lounge, open plan kitchen diner, three bedroom, fitted bathrooms, pleasant front and large rear gardens. Energy rating E .

WARSTONES WARSTONES GARDENS £89,995

"A THREE BEDROOM PURPOSE BUILD APARTMENT" Briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms and a bathroom. This property also benefits from having a balcony and communal parking to front. VIEWING ADVISED. Energy rating C .

WOLVERHAMPTON SPRINGFIELD ROAD £89,995

"A CHAIN FREE EXTENDED TRADITIONAL THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE" Comprising entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge through dining room, extended kitchen, three bedrooms, family bathroom, front & rear gardens and off road parking. Energy rating TBC.

OFF WILLENHALL ROAD EAST PARK WAY £85,000

"A SHOWHOME STYLE GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT WHICH REQUIRES VIEWING TO FULLY APPRECIATE" Comprising push button security entry, inner entrance hall, large open plan fitted dining kitchen, two double bedrooms, luxury master en-suite, further family bathroom, one allocated secure parking space. Energy rating D.

WOLVERHAMPTON WILLENHALL ROAD £85,000

•••A CHAIN FREE MODERN SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT CONVENIENTLY LOCATED FOR BOTH WOLVERHAMPTON CITY & M6 MOTORWAY COMMUTERS••• Comprising communal entrance with phone entry system, large open dining kitchen, two bedrooms, MASTER EN-SUITE & BATHROOM, secured gated parking. VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. Energy rating D.

PENNFIELDS RAYLEIGH ROAD £84,995

"A TRADITIONAL THREE BEDROOM MID TERRACE HOUSE" Briefly comprising entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, rear hallway, three bedrooms and a family bathroom. This property also benefits from having a first floor toilet and is offered with no ongoing chain. Energy rating D

FARNDALE INGLEBY GARDENS £84,950

"CALL CONNELLS ON 01902 710170 TO ARRANGE FOR THIS THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE SITUATED IN A CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION" Comprising entrance hall, lounge through dining room, kitchen, three bedroom, family bathroom, front & rear gardens and is offered within no ongoing chain. Energy rating D.

FORDHOUSES CRATHORNE AVENUE £79,995

"A CHAIN FREE TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE" Briefly comprising lounge, kitchen breakfast room, conservatory, two bedrooms and a generous size bathroom. This property also benefits from having a detached garage and is situated in a cul-de-sac location. Energy rating E.

ASHMORE PARK PEACOCK AVENUE £79,950

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HADLEY HEATH ESTATE HAWKSWELL DRIVE £79,950

"AN IDEAL FIRST TIME BUYER STARTER HOME REQUIRING VIEWING TO FULLY APPRECIATED" Comprising open plan lounge, separate fitted kitchen, master bedroom, fitted bathroom, front & rear gardens with ample side off road parking. Energy rating C.

OFF CANNOCK ROAD WODEN ROAD £74,995

"A TWO BEDROOM MID TERRACE HOUSE" Comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen, two double bedrooms and a modern fitted family bathroom. This property also benefits from having a generous size rear garden with two brick built outbuilding & wc. Viewing advised. Energy rating D.

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BILSTON MERSTONE CLOSE £74,995

"SITUATED IN A POPULAR CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION & CONVENIENTLY LOCATED FOR M6 & 54 MOTORWAY COMMUTERS, A SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY" Comprising generous lounge with adjoining sitting area, separate dining room, fitted kitchen, wet room bathroom, front & rear gardens with off road parking & garage to side. Energy rating C .

PARKFIELD KENT ROAD £74,995

"A CHAIN FREE TWO BEDROOM MID TERRACE HOUSE" Briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and a family bathroom. This property also benefits from having off road parking to front, front and rear gardens. Energy rating E.

WILLENHALL TAMESIDE CLOSE £73,000

" A 50/50 SHARED OWNERSHIP MODERN THREE STOREY MID TOWN HOUSE SITUATED " Comprising gf wc, open plan lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, three generous bedrooms, nursery/dressing area, master en-suite, bathroom, front & rear gardens with garage to side. VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. Energy rating C.

BILSTON FALCON CRESCENT £72,500

•••VIEWING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED ON THIS THREE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT••• Comprising push button entry communal entrance, inner hallway, generous lounge, fitted kitchen, , three bedrooms, refitted bathroom. For further details contact Connells. Energy rating B.

WEDNESFIELD CENTRE TORRIDGE DRIVE £69,995

•••A FIRST FLOOR HIGHLY DECEPTIVE FLAT SITUATED CLOSE TO WEDNESFIELD TOWN CENTRE••• Comprising communal push button entry system, inner hall with study area potential, good size lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, fitted bathroom. VIEWING RECOMMENDED. Energy rating C.

WHITMORE REANS HORDERN ROAD £64,950

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BUSHBURY STANLEY ROAD £59,995

••• A 50/50 SHARED OWNERSHIP LINKED SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY SITUATED IN A CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION WITH GARAGE TO REAR •••Comprising ground floor wc, generous lounge, open plan kitchen diner, three bedrooms, fitted bathroom, master en-suite, front & rear gardens, gated secured parking, garage to rear.Energy rating C.

WOLVERHAMPTON LOWER VAUXHALL £58,500

"A CHAIN FREE ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR PURPOSE BUILT APARTMENT" Briefly comprising entrance communal entrance hall with entry phone system, private entrance hall with entry phone, lounge, kitchen, bedroom and shower room. This property also benefits from having a garage in the block opposite.Energy rating C.

LOWER VAUXHALL MALCOLM COURT £55,000

"A ONE BEDROOM SECOND FLOOR PURPOSE BUILT APARTMENT" Briefly comprising communal entrance hall, private entrance hall, lounge, modern kitchen, bedroom, modern bathroom. This property also benefits from having a garage and is offered with no ongoing chain. Energy rating C.

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NEWBRIDGE STREET NEWBRIDGE — PRICE £122,000.00

BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS 1

Three bedroom semi-detached house . Gas fired central heating and upvc windows (as specified) . Two reception rooms . Fitted kitchen . Third bedroom / study . good sized rear garden . No upward chain

MARSH LANE FORDHOUSES — PRICE: £85,000.00

NEW

BEDROOMS 2 BATHROOMS 1

Two bedroom terrace house . Gas fired central heating and double glazed windows (as specified) . Living room . Fitted kitchen . Conservatory . Ground floor WC . Bathroom with shower . Driveway and garden . No upward chain . EPC RATING: D

ALDERSLEY ROAD ALDERSLEY — PRICE: £126,000.00

NEW PRICE

BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS 1

• Three bedroom semi-detached house • Gas fired central heating and double glazed windows (as specified) • Two reception rooms • Fitted breakfast kitchen • Bathroom with shower • Good sized garden • EPC RATING: D

HORDERN ROAD WHITMORE REANS — PRICE: £109,950

NEW PRICE

BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS 1

• Three bedroom detached house • No upward chain • Gas fired central heating and double glazed windows (as specified) • Two reception rooms • Fitted kitchen • Driveway • Garage • EPC RATING: D

COTSDALE ROAD PENN COMMON — PRICE: £179,950.00

NEW

BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS 1

Three bedroom semi- detached house • Excellent location with views over Green belt countryside • Gas fired central heating and double glazed windows • Two reception rooms • Fitted kitchen and utility • Detached Garages • NO UPWARD CHAIN • EPC rating D

AMANDA AVENUE PENN — PRICE: £330,000

BEDROOMS 5 BATHROOMS 2

Five bedroom detached house • Gas fired central heating and double glazed windows (as specified) • Lounge and separate dining room • Good sized kitchen • Master bedroom with en-suite • Double detached garage • Conservatory • EPC RATING: D

CARTER ROAD WHITMORE REANS — PRICE: £69,950

NEW PRICE

BEDROOMS 2 BATHROOMS 1

Two bedroom terrace house • Gas fired central heating and upvc double glazed windows (as specified) • Two reception rooms • Ground floor bathroom • Fitted kitchen • No upward chain • EPC RATING: D

GROSVENOR PARK PENN — PRICE: £67,950

NEW PRICE

BEDROOMS 1 BATHROOMS 1

• One bedroom ground floor apartment (for the over 55s) • Living room • kitchen • Double bedroom with built in wardrobes • Bathroom • Garage • NO UPWARD CHAIN • EPC RATING: C

TILBURY CLOSE CASTLECROFT — PRICE: £129,950

NEW PRICE

BEDROOMS 2 BATHROOMS 1

• Two bedroom End Terraced house • Excellent decorative order • Gas fired central heating and double glazed windows (as specified) • Through living room • Fitted kitchen and bathroom • Excellent rear garden • Driveway • No upward chain • Cul-de-sac location • Room for expansion (subject to planning permission) • EPC RATING: D

ALDERSLEY ROAD TETTENHALL — PRICE: £92,950

BEDROOMS 2 BATHROOMS 1

Two bedroom end terrace house • Living room • Breakfast kitchen and utility room • Ground floor bathroom • Two double bedrooms • Enclosed rear garden • No upward chain • EPC RATING: E

WYE CLOSE PERTON — RENT £500 PCM

NEW

BEDROOMS 2 BATHROOMS 1

• Two bedroom end townhouse • Unfurnished • Gas fired central heating and double glazed windows • Through lounge/diner • Modern fitted kitchen with cooker and fridge bathroom with shower • Off road parking and car port and good sized rear garden EPC rating: D

HORNBEAM WALK MERRIDALE — RENT £495 PCM

BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS 1

•Three bedroom terrace house • Unfurnished • warm air heating and double glazed windows • lounge and dining room • Modern fitted kitchen • Ground floor w.c • Bathroom • EPC Rating D.

BENSON AVENUE GOLDTHORN PARK — RENT £625 PCM

BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS 1

Three bedroom detached house • Unfurnished • Gas fired central heating and upvc double glazed windows • Through lounge • Fitted kitchen • Ground floor wc • Garage, driveway and garden EPC rating F.

ALDERSLEY ROAD TETTENHALL — PRICE: £480

NEW PRICE

BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS 1

• Three bedroom terraced house • Offered either Furnished or Unfurnished • Gas fired central heating and double glazed windows • Two reception rooms • Fitted Kitchen • Shower room • Front and rear gardens • EPC RATING: E.

ELGIN COURT PERTON — RENT £360 PCM

NEW

BEDROOMS 1 BATHROOMS 1

One bedroom first floor flat furnished • Electric storage heating Upvc double glazed windows and door • Private entrance • lounge • Fitted kitchen • bathroom with shower • Parking • EPC RATING E

MILLPORT ROAD LANESFIELD — RENT £495.00 PCM

NEW

BEDROOMS 2 BATHROOMS 2

Two beroom modern first floor apartment • Unfurnished • Gas fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Modern fitted kitchen • master bedroom with en-suite shower room • Modern fitted bathroom • allocated parking space EPC RATING: B

NELSON AVENUE BILSTON — RENT: £500 PCM

NEW PRICE

BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS 1

• Three bedroom semi-detached house • Unfurnished • Gas fired central heating and double glazed windows • Bathroom with shower • Driveway • Rear garden • EPC RATING: E

STAVELEY ROAD WHITMORE REANS — RENT £550 PCM

NEW

BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS 1

• Three bedroom semi detached house • Furnished • Gas fired central heating and double glazed windows • Two reception rooms • Fitted breakfast kitchen • Bathroom with shower • Gardens • EPC rating D

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- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Large Conservatory
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£775 PCM

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WOLVERHAMPTON

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Recently Re-decorated
- Garage
- SORRY NO DHSS

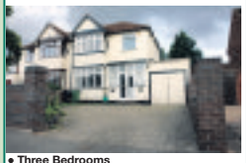
£675 PCM

FEATHERSTONE
CAMPION DRIVE

- Three Bedroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Utility Room
- SORRY NO DHSS

£675 PCM

WEDNESFIELD
BLACKHALVE LANE



- Three Bedrooms
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- SORRY NO DHSS

£595 PCM

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- Three Bedroomed Property
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- VIEWING HIGHLY RECCOMENDED
- SORRY NO DHSS

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- Three Bedrooms
- Detached
- Garage
- Refurbished
- SORRY NO DHSS

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- Three Bedrooms
- Modern Throughout
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- SORRY NO DHSS

£550 PCM

BILSTON
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- Two Bedrooms
- Immaculate Condition
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- DHSS ACCEPTED

£475 PCM

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- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- SORRY NO DHSS

£475 PCM

ETTINGSHALL
OAKLANDS COURT

- Two Bedrooms
- Second Floor
- Fantastic Condition
- Gated Off Road Parking
- DHSS ACCEPTED

£475PCM

WOLVERHAMPTON
ESSINGTON WAY

- Two Bedrooms
- Master with En-suite
- Spacious
- Modern Kitchen
- SORRY NO DHSS

£475 PCM

WOLVERHAMPTON
DEANS ROAD

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Good Condition
- Off Road Parking
- DHSS Accepted

475

WEDNESFIELD
TAYLOR STREET

- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Large Graden
- Close to Wednesfield Center
- SORRY NO DHSS

£450 PCM

WILLENHALL
THE PINNACLE

- Two Bed Apartments
- Bathroom & Shower Room
- FULLY FURNISHED
- Fitted Kitchen with Appliances
- SORRY NO DHSS

£450 PCM

NEWBRIDGE
THE LINDENS

- Two Bedrooms
- Garage
- Electric Heating
- Excellent Condition
- SORRY NO DHSS

£450 PCM

PARKFIELDS
CHEVIOT ROAD

- Three Bedroomed Property
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Off Road Parking
- DHSS ACCEPTED

£450 PCM

BILSTON
FRASER STREET

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Rear Garden
- Newly Fitted Bathroom
- DHSS ACCEPTED

£425PCM

WOLVERHAMPTON
KNOX ROAD

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Good Condition
- Rear Garden
- DHSS ACCEPTED

£425 PCM

WEDNESFIELD
KITCHEN LANE

- One Bedroom
- Ground Floor Flat
- Excellent Condition
- Rear Garden
- SORRY NO DHSS

£400 PCM

WEDNESFIELD
GRIFFITHS DRIVE

- One Bedroom Flat
- Ground Floor
- Communal Garden
- Off Road Parking
- DHSS ACCEPTED

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WOLVERHAMPTON £250,000

LORD STREET

• EPC Rated G • Annex Epc Rating To Follow • Semi Detached Home • Four Double Bedrooms • Additional Two Bedroom Annexe • Sitting Room • Extended Lounge/ Dining Room / Kitchen • Two bathrooms • Garage And Car Port • No

WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

WOLVERHAMPTON £230,000

PATRICIA AVENUE

• Extended Family Home • Viewing Highly Recommended • Sitting Room • Extended Lounge • Contemporary Style Kitchen Dining Room • Utility Room & Shower / WC • Driveway & Garage & Garden

WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

WOLVERHAMPTON £160,000

WARSTONES ROAD

• Detached Bungalow • Three Bedrooms • Lounge • Contemporary Kitchen Breakfast Room • Contemporary Shower Room / WC • Garage And Off Road Parking • Gardens To Front & Rear • Double Glazing As Stated • Gas Fired

WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

WOLVERHAMPTON £160,000

WOODLAND ROAD

• Detached Dormer House • Two Double Bedrooms • Through Lounge & Dining Area • Breakfast Kitchen & Conservatory • Ground Floor Bathroom • Double Glazing as Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Sought After Location • Rear

WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

WOLVERHAMPTON £149,950

SHETLAND CLOSE

• By order of the mortgagee in possession we would advise that an offer of £145,000 has been received for the property 17 Shetland Close, Wolverhampton, WV6 0UY. Any person wishing to make an increased offer should notify the

WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

WOLVERHAMPTON £148,500

MERCURY ROAD

• EPC rating to follow • Family home • Viewing highly recommended • Contemporary style kitchen/diner • Lounge • Guest W/C • Three bedrooms • En-suite shower • Family bathroom • Garage • Secure off road parking.

WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

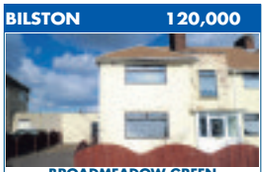
WOLVERHAMPTON £145,000

ECCLESHALL AVENUE

• Extended semi detached home • Beautifully presented • Viewing recommended • Split level lounge/ dining room • Feature extended kitchen • Guest WC • Three bedrooms • Bathroom with seperate shower • Garage, drive and

WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

BILSTON 120,000



BROADMEADOW GREEN

• EPC awaiting • Linked semi detached • In need of refurbishment • Five double bedrooms • Three reception rooms • Kitchen • Utility room • First floor bathroom/ WC • Driveway and gardens • No upward chain.

WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

WOLVERHAMPTON 120,000

HIGH VIEW

• EPC rating Grade C • Family Home • Viewing highly recommended • Beautifully presented • Lounge • Contemporary kitchen dining room • Three bedrooms • Contemporary Bathroom/ WC • Driveway and gardens • No upward chain.

WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

WOLVERHAMPTON £114,950

SANDON ROAD

• Extended Semi Detached Home • Viewing Recommended • Lounge • Extended Sitting / Dining Room • Breakfast Room & Extended Kitchen • Guest WC / Cloak Room • Three Bedrooms • Family Shower Room / WC • Driveway

WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

WOLVERHAMPTON £112,500

GATCOMBE CLOSE

• Semi-detached property • Two bedrooms • Lounge and breakfast kitchen • First floor bathroom • Gas central heating system • Off road parking • Sought after location • Rear garden • Viewing essential.

WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

WOLVERHAMPTON £109950

CLAREMONT MEWS

• Modern End Terraced Home • Viewing Highly Recommended • Beautifully Prescented • Lounge / Dining Room • Contemporary Style Fitted Kitchen • Two Double Bedrooms • Contemporary Style Bathroom • Off Road Paking For Ser-

WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

TETTENHALL £99,950

WEST LODGE

• EPC rating to follow • Ground floor apartment • Viewing highly recommended • Beautifully presented • Lounge/ dining room • Fitted kitchen • Two double bedrooms • Contemporary style bathroom/ WC • Garage in block • Commu-

WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

WOLVERHAMPTON £97,500

PENNANT COURT

• Well Prescented 1st Floor Apartment • Viewing Very Highly Recommended • Contemporary Decor • Lounge / Dining Room • Fitted Kitchen • Master Bedroom With En-Suite • Further Double Bedroom • Bathroom/WC • Parking &

WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

WOLVERHAMPTON £80,000

BRISTOL STREET

• Traditional Terraced Home • Three Bedrooms • Viewing Highly Recommended • Well Presented Accomodation • Lounge • Extended Sitting Room / Dining Room • Contemporary Style Fitted Kitchen • Contemporary Style Bathroom /

WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

WOLVERHAMPTON £64,950

WATERSIDE CLOSE

• Ground Floor Apartment • Viewing Recommended • Open Plan Lounge / Dining / Kitchen • Master Bedroom With En-suite Shower / WC • Second Double Bedroom • Communal Grounds • No Upward Chain • Allocated Parking

WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

WOLVERHAMPTON £50,000

SUTTON COURT

• First Floor Apartment • Viewing Highly Recommended • Beautifully Prescented • Lounge / Dining Room • Fitted Kitchen • Double Bedroom • Bathroom & WC • Economy & Storage Heating • Garage & Communal Parking

WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

WOLVERHAMPTON £42,500

LENNOX GARDENS

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Executive Four Bedroom Detached House• Lounge & Dining Room• Conservatory• Breakfast Kitchen• Ensuite Bathroom & Family Bathroom/Shower• Double Garage• Driveway for Several Vehicles• NO UPWARD CHAIN

PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £279,999 O/A

Farleigh Road

Executive Four Bedroom Detached House• Lounge & Dining Room• Modern Breakfast Kitchen With Added Dining Area• Utility Room• Downstairs W/C• Contemporary White Bathroom Suite With Shower• 30ft Garage• Front/Side

PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £235,000

Raglan Avenue

Four Bedroom Detached House• Lounge• Dining Room• Breakfast Kitchen With Modern Units• Ensuite Shower Room To Master Bedroom• Family Bathroom• Conservatory• Garage• Double Glazing• Driveway For Parking Of Several Ve-

PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £216,000

Cheriton Grove

Four Bedroom Detached House• Lounge• Breakfast Kitchen• Utility Room• Downstairs W/C• Family Bathroom With White Suite And Shower• Master Bedroom With Dressing Room• Garage• Double Glazing• Cul De Sac Location

PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £215,000

Turner Grove

Four Bedroom Detached House• First Floor Extension To Include Bedroom• Living Room With Kitchen Area• And Ensuite Shower Room• Ground Floor Lounge• Breakfast Kitchen• Rear Room With A 2nd Staircase• 27ft Garage• Enclosed

PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £200,000

Moore Close

Four Bedroom Detached House• Lounge• Dining Kitchen• Utility Room• Downstairs W/C• Ensuite To Master Bedroom• Further Family Bathroom With Shower• Double Glazing

PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £194,950

Cunningham Road

Extended Two Bedroom Detached Bungalow• Lounge• Large Spacious Conservatory With Dining Area• Shower Room/W.C• Utility Room• Refitted Bathroom• Double Glazing

PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £170,000

Edward Road

Three Bedroom Detached House• Lounge• Dining Room• Conservatory• Kitchen• Garage• Double Glazing• Gas Central Heating• Driveway for Parking Of Several Vehicles

PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £168,000

St Mawes Road

Three Bedroom Detached House• Lounge & Dining Room• Kitchen, Garage• Gas Central Heating• Double Glazing• Cul De Sac Location

PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £140,000

Shawbury Grove

Three Bedroom Semi Detached House• Modern Fitted Kitchen• Lounge/Dining Area• Gas Central Heating• Double Glazing• Garage• NO UPWARD CHAIN

PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £140,000

Cheriton Grove

Two Bedroom Semi Detached House• Lounge• Modern Fitted Kitchen/Diner • White bathroom Suite With Shower• Double Glazing• Gas Central Heating• Large Rear Garden• Garage

PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £140,000

Mercia Drive

Three Bedroom Semi Detached House• Lounge/Diner• Kitchen• Bathroom W.C• Double Glazing• Gas Central Heating• Garage• Front And Rear Gardens

PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £138,950

Bader Road

Three Bedroom Semi Detached House• Lounge & Dining Area• Fitted Kitchen• Double Glazing• Driveway For Parking• White Bathroom Suite

PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £135,000

Paxton Avenue

Two Bedroom Semi Detached House• Lounge• Modern Fitted Kitchen• Lounge• White Bathroom Suite With Shower• Double Glazing• Garage• NO UPWARD CHAIN•Gas Central Heating

PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £130,000

Moor Park

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TO LET

STUBBY LANE

•EPC Ratings Awaited •Two Bedroom Flat •Gas Central Heating System •Double Glazing (Where Stated) •Sorry No DHSS

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TO LET

BLOXWICH ROAD

•EPC Rating Grade F•One Bedroom Flat •Modern Kitchen •Shower Room •Secure Access •Local To Shops •DHSS Accepted With Guarantor

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BUTTERMERE GROVE

•EPC Grade C:>•Five Bedroom Extended Detached Property:>•Three Reception Rooms:>•Conservatory:>•Garage:>•Driveway:>•Gas Central Heating:>•Double Glazing:>•Cul De Sac Location:>•Viewing Highly Recommended>

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ESSINGTON

THE COTTAGE

•NEW INSTRUCTION •Two Bedroom Detached Cottage •One Bedroom Annexe •Double Garage •Two Reception Rooms •Master Bedroom With En-Suite •Green Views •EPC Rating Is Grade F •No Upward Chain

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LONG KNOWLE LANE

•EPC Rating Grade Awaited•Extended Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Two Reception Rooms•Downstairs Cloakroom•Utility•Garage•Ample Off Road Parking,Double Glazing•Central Heating•Viewing Highly recommended.

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SILVERTON WAY

•EPC Rating Grade C•Immaculate Semi Detached •Three Bedrooms •All Bedrooms Have Wardrobes •Two Reception Rooms •Further Conservatory •Shower Room Upstairs •Off Street Parking •Garage

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•EPC Rating Grade Awaited•Refurbished Two Bedroom Semi Detached Bunglaow•Conservatory•Garage•Ample Off Road Parking•No Upward Chain•Viewings

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WILLENHALL

WILLENHALL ROAD

•EPC Ratings Awaited •Extended Semi Detached •Three Bedrooms •Through Lounge/Dining Room •Off Street Parking With Car Port •Front & Rear Gardens

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WEDNESFIELD

EAST AVENUE

EPC Ratings Is Grade E •Spacious Semi Detached •Three Bedrooms •Corner Plot •Two Reception Rooms •Downstairs WC •Bathroom Upstairs •Utility Room •Off Street Parking •Front, Side & Rear Gardens

£117,500 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

ASHMORE PARK

THORNLEY ROAD

•EPC Ratings Awaited •Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Open Plan Lounge/Dining Room •Kitchen With useful Side Lobby •Enclosed Rear Garden •Off Street Parking •Viewing Is Essential

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WOLVERHAMPTON

POPE ROAD

•EPC Rating Grade Awaited•Three Bedroom Mid Terraced Property•Two Reception Rooms•Conservatory•Garage•Off Road Parking•Three Bedrooms and Shower Room•Double Glazing •Viewing Highly recommended.

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ASHMORE PARK

STEPHENS CLOSE

•EPC Rating Is Grade D •Two Bedroom End Terraced •Cul-De-Sac Location •Modern Kitchen •Large Rear Garden •Off Street Parking •No Upward Chain

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WILLENHALL

LOWRY CLOSE

•EPC Grade Awaited:>•Three Bedroom Semi Detached:>•Conservatory:>•Garage:>•Driveway:>•Cul De Sac Location:>•No Upward Chain>

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LAWRENCE AVENUE

•EPC Rating Awaited:>•Two Bedroom End Terraced Property:>•Gas Central Heating System:>•Part Double Glazed:>•No Upward Chain>

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•EPC Rating Grade Awaited•Three Bedroom Mid Terraced Property•Kitchen•Lounge•Off Road Parking•Rear Garden•No Upward Chain.

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ASHMORE PARK

SNAPE ROAD

•EPC Rating Grade Awaited•Two Bedroom Extended Semi Detached•Garage•Double Glazing•Central Heating System•Off Road Parking•No Upward Chain•Viewing Highly Recommended.

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PRESTWOOD ROAD

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NEACHELLS LANE

•EPC Rating Grade Awaited•Three Bedroom Mid Terraced•Two Reception Rooms•Downstairs Bathroom•Central Heating System•No Upward Chain•Viewing Highly

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AMOS LANE

•EPC Rating Grade E•One Bedroom Ground Floor Flat •Open Plan Kitchen/Lounge •Parking Available •No Upward Chain

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£45,000 OIEO WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

WILLENHALL

THE PINNACLE

•EPC Rate Grading F:>14th Floor Two Bedroom Apartment:>•Kitchen With Integrated Appliances:>•Two Bathrooms:>•Allocated Parking:>•Double Glazing:>•No Upward Chain:>•Leasehold:>,CASH OFFERS ONLY

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This traditional three bedroom semi detached property is located within easy access to all local amenities and provides good value accommodation.

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A traditional style three bedroom home with conservatory. Offered with no upward chain, this would make an excellent first time buy.

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£90,000

This much improved three bedroom semi detached house is located within easy access to all local amenities.

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A first floor two bedroom flat with lounge, kitchen and bathroom. The property is situated near East park.

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£260,000

A six bedroom detached family house benefitting from lounge/dining room, family room and kitchen/breakfast. Viewing Recommended.

Nash Avenue, Perton

£225,000

An extended four bedroom family property briefly comprising lounge, study, dining room, kitchen/family room, off road parking and gardens.

Lane Green Road, Codsall

£210,000

Fantastic detached bungalow, with a longer than normal drive, positioned well back from the road in this popular location.

Vicarage Road, Brewood

£200,000

Three bedroom property standing on a larger than normal, corner plot which has recently been redecorated and updated.

Oatlands Way, Perton

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A well appointed two bedroom detached bungalow set on Perton's Outer Parkway. The property is finished to a very high standard.

Bratch Park, Wombourne

£180,000

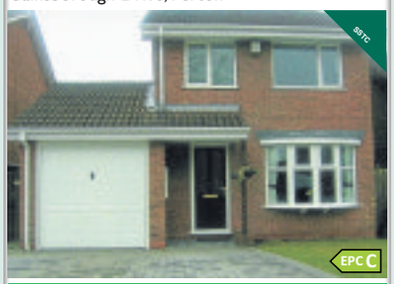
In need of some updating, this detached bungalow is situated on the edge of Wombourne village, the accommodation comprises lounge and two

Stoneybrook Leys, Wombourne

£165,000

Semi detached property with lounge, dining room and enlarged kitchen downstairs, there are three double bedrooms upstairs and a family bathroom.

Gainsborough Drive, Perton



£160,000

A modern detached property. This family home has three bedrooms, lounge, kitchen/diner and family bathroom.

Gardeners Way, Wombourne

£160,000

An extended semi detached bungalow in the popular village of Wombourne. Comprising extended lounge/dining, kitchen/diner and two bedrooms.

Chillington Drive, Codsall

£150,000

Link detached property comprising lounge with dining area, study/hobby room, garden room, kitchen, three bedrooms and a bathroom.

Windsor Road, Wombourne

£150,000

This semi detached bungalow, benefits from remodelled kitchen and bathroom, lounge and two bedrooms.

Manston Drive, Wolverhampton

£140,000

Viewing is essential to appreciate the internal condition of this three bedroom home. Comprising lounge, kitchen/diner and conservatory.

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£112,000

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Windsor Avenue

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PENN £240,000

Reeds Rains are delighted to present this two/three bedroom detached traditional bungalow in this popular location with excellent access to schools, transport links, bus routes and City Centre. The property sits in a good sized plot with detached garage, off road parking, lounge, conservatory, dining room/bedroom 3, kitchen/breakfast room, master bedroom with en-suite shower room and re-fitted bathroom with w/c. The property benefits from central heating and double glazing. Awaiting EPC

Lower Street

UNDER OFFER

TETTENHALL £334,950

Reeds Rains are delighted to present this Four Bedroom Detached property on the West side of Wolverhampton with excellent access to local amenities and transport links. The Property comprises Four bedrooms, three receptions rooms, dining kitchen, utility room, downstairs shower room and upstairs family bathroom. Externally there is ample off road parking and a good sized rear Garden. The property is in need of some updating but is offered with no upward chain.
Wolverhampton

Penn Road

PENN £319,950

Reeds Rains are delighted to Present this Traditional Detached Property with excellent transport links. Comprising Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen with Sitting Area, Conservatory, Bedroom with En-suite, Family Bathroom and Two Further Double Bedroom. The Rear Garden is a Particular feature with Good Sized Lawned Area and boasts Spectacular Views from the First Floor. Viewing Must be Done to Appreciate Accommodation on Offer.
Wolverhampton

Goldthorn Hill

PENN £250,000

Viewing must be done to appreciate this traditional Four bedroom Detached Double Fronted property in a popular location. Property comprises entrance hall & landing with oak panelling, two large reception rooms, fitted Kitchen, utility room & guest WC, garage & mature rear garden.
Wolverhampton

Lingfield Avenue

WOLVERHAMPTON £199,950

Reeds Rains are delighted to present this impressively proportioned four bedroom extended semi-detached property on the north side of Wolverhampton with access to excellent transport links including the M54 and M6. The property comprises two receptions rooms, re-fitted dining kitchen with access into a well proportioned laundry room with w/c and garage. Upstairs there is an en-suite to the master bedroom, three further bedrooms, family bathroom and extensive loft room. EPC Grade = D
Wolverhampton

The Crescent

TETTENHALL £149,950

Reeds Rains are delighted to present this traditional semi-detached property on the West side of Wolverhampton with good access to Tettenhall Village, shops, local schools and transport links. Property comprises lounge with archway into kitchen/dining room, conservatory, three bedrooms, Family re-fitted bathroom/wc, boarded loft room and a good sized rear garden. The property benefits from double glazing, central heating and off road parking. Awaiting EPC
Wolverhampton

Birchwood Road

SOLD

PENN £139,950

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Wolverhampton

Florence Road

CODSALL £134,950

This is an ideal first time buyer property in the North of Wolverhampton on the outskirts of the popular Village of Codsall. Giving excellent access to the highly publicised I54 site, this property comprises lounge and separate dining room, re-fitted kitchen, separate utility room and garage. Two good sized bedrooms with a re-fitted family bathroom/wc. The property has a private rear garden and off road parking for several vehicles. No upward chain. Awaiting EPC
Wolverhampton

Northwood Park Road

SOLD

BUSHBURY £123,000

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Wolverhampton

Broad Gauge Way

WOLVERHAMPTON £99,950

Reeds Rains are delighted to present this modern two bedroom first floor apartment with gated access to communal car park and with walking distance to the City Centre and Train Station. The property briefly comprises open plan lounge/dining room with kitchen area, master bedroom with en-suite shower room, second bedroom and family bathroom. The property has a balcony and allocated communal parking. EPC Grade = C
Wolverhampton

Probert Road

OXLEY £99,950

Reeds Rains are delighted to present this traditional three bedroom semi-detached in the North of Wolverhampton in a popular residential location. The property is in need of updating but briefly comprises Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom and Veranda. The property has a pleasant rear garden, a detached garage and off road parking. We are offering this property with the benefit of No Upward Chain.
Wolverhampton

Sholing Close

SOLD

PENDEFORD £97,500

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Rochford Grove
NEW

PENN £174,950

This family four bedroom bedroom detached property in Penn is available to view now. The property comprises good sized lounge/sitting room, separate dining room, fitted kitchen and conservatory, upstairs there are four well apportioned bedrooms and family bathroom/wc. Outside there gardens to the front and rear with off road parking for a number of vehicles, giving access to a carport and garage. There is double glazing and central heating. Please contact us to arrange a viewing. EPC Grade = D

Wolverhampton

Woodfield Avenue
SOLD

PENN £169,950

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Wolverhampton

Cinder Hill Lane

COVEN £169,950

Reeds Rains are delighted to present this three bedroom semi-detached property in the popular village location of Coven. The property briefly comprises Lounge, re-fitted Kitchen/Diner, Conservatory and Shower Room/WC. There is off road parking and a garage and has the benefit of Double Glazing and Central Heating. A particular feature of the property is its Cul-De-Sac location and open views across the Countryside. Viewing is Highly Recommended.

Wolverhampton

Dunstall Avenue

DUNSTALL £159,950

Reeds Rains are delighted to present this extensively refurbished three bedroom semi-detached property on the outskirts of the City Centre. The property briefly comprises lounge, separate dining room and re-fitted high quality kitchen to the first floor, three bedrooms and family bathroom to the first floor. Externally there is a rear garden with rear vehicular access and a freestanding garage with potential to build a larger detached garage. The property benefits from central heating, double glazing and no upward chain. Awaiting EPC

Wolverhampton

Windermere Road

CLAREGATE £225,000

Reeds Rains are delighted to present this Detached Property on the North West Side of Wolverhampton. The Property briefly comprises Four Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Lounge with Separate Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Tandem Garage and Off Road Parking. The Property benefits from Double Glazing and Central Heating and is Offered with No Upward Chain.

Old Heath Road
NEW

WOLVERHAMPTON £95,000

This well apportioned family home has great access to schools and transports links into Wolverhampton, Bilston and Walsall. The property is extremely well presented and comprises a lounge, modern kitchen with dining area, downstairs cloakroom on the ground floor and three bedrooms and a family bathroom on the second floor. Outside there is off road parking and an enclosed rear garden.
EPC grade = D

Wolverhampton

Vicarage Road
NEW

WOLVERHAMPTON £95,000

This recently refurbished two bedroom terraced property, close to the Royal Hospital is being offered for sale with no upward chain, has central heating as well as double glazing. The property comprises two receptions room, kitchen and downstairs bathroom, externally there is a private rear garden.

Wolverhampton

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Pennant Court
SOLD

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Wolverhampton

Bolton Road
NEW

WEDNESFIELD £89,500

This traditional end terraced property is located within walking distance of Wednesfield High Street and Retail park, it has excellent access to transport links and leisure facilities as well as local schools and amenities. The property briefly comprises two reception rooms, fitted kitchen to the ground floor and two bedrooms and bathroom/wc on the first floor. Outside there is a right of access leading to the side of the property and access to a private enclosed rear garden. There is no upward chain and the property benefits from central heating and double glazing.

Wolverhampton

Nine Elms Lane
NEW

PARK VILLAGE £85,000

Recently refurbished this two bedroom traditional terraced property close to the City Centre comprises two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom, two bedrooms to the first floor and loft room with en-suite shower/wc to the second floor. Externally there is a rear garden which is in need of cultivating. The property benefits from central heating, double glazing and no upward chain

Wolverhampton

Clarence Road

BILSTON £75,000

Reeds Rains are delighted to Present this Two Bedroom Semi-detached Property on the East Side of Wolverhampton with Access to Local Amenities and Schools and with Access to Motorway and Transport Links. The Property briefly comprises Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Family Bathroom and Enclosed Rear Garden. Property benefits from Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain.

Wolverhampton

Whetstone Road
SOLD

BUSHBURY £65,000

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Wolverhampton

Leybourne Crescent
UNDER OFFER

PENDEFORD £59,950

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NEW

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Tempest Street

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Orchard Way, Pattingham,

◆ Exquisite detached residence of exceptionally attractive design ◆ Located within extensive grounds on Great Moor Road ◆ Two floors of magnificent open plan living space ◆ Sumptuously equipped kitchen area ◆ Spiral staircase ◆ Master bedroom with en-suite bathroom and balcony ◆ 4 further bedrooms ◆ 2 shower rooms ◆ 2 bathrooms ◆ Annex with bathroom ◆ EPC C

Guide Price £985,000

61 Wergs Road, Tettenhall,

◆ Magnificent detached residence ◆ Large lounge ◆ Sitting room and spacious dining room ◆ Sumptuous kitchen with Aga ◆ Four first floor bedrooms, two with en-suite bath/shower room ◆ Superb principal bathroom ◆ Second floor study/playroom and bedroom five with en-suite bathroom ◆ Garaging for four cars ◆ Games Room ◆ Extensive grounds ◆ EPC D

Guide Price £950,000

Parklands, Perton Road, Wightwick,

◆ Stunning detached property on premier Road ◆ Indoor swimming pool with shower room ◆ Corner plot with gated carriage driveway ◆ Five reception rooms ◆ Exceptional kitchen with laundry off ◆ Master bedroom with en-suite ◆ Guest bedroom with en suite ◆ Three further bedrooms ◆ House bathroom ◆ Garaging for 4 cars ◆ Landscaped gardens ◆ EPC D

Guide Price £795,000

39 Woodthorne Road, Tettenhall,

◆ Dignified 6 bedroomed detached ◆ Premier residential road ◆ Beautifully presented and maintained throughout. ◆ Three principle reception rooms including 32' lounge ◆ Large breakfast kitchen with laundry off ◆ Three bathrooms/shower rooms ◆ Large garden ◆ Garage and carport ◆ EPC D

Guide Price £550,000

The Croft, 35 Grove Lane, Wightwick,

◆ Stunning Hutchinson Smith house ◆ Built in an Elizabethan style to stunning effect ◆ Generous plot with fantastic gardens ◆ Lounge with inglenook fireplace ◆ Two further reception rooms ◆ 18' breakfast kitchen ◆ Master bedroom with ensuite ◆ Three further bedrooms ◆ House bathroom ◆ Generous garage ◆ EPC E

Guide Price £550,000

The Byre, Great Saredon,

◆ A stunning detached barn conversion ◆ 30ft reception/dining hall ◆ Approximately 400 sq.ft lounge ◆ Breakfast kitchen ◆ Spacious games/hobbies room ◆ Ground floor bedroom and fully fitted bathroom ◆ 39ft master bedroom with bathroom en-suite ◆ Two further bedrooms with en-suite bath/shower room ◆ Beautiful gardens ◆ Extensive parking facilities ◆ EPC D

Guide price £549,950

Willow House, Oaken,

◆ Impressive modern detached ◆ Exclusive hamlet location ◆ Within a mile of Codsall with its excellent amenties and train station ◆ Beautifully maintained and presented ◆ Three reception rooms ◆ Stunning breakfast kitchen ◆ Utility ◆ Master bedroom with en-suite ◆ Three further bedrooms ◆ House bathroom ◆ Double garage ◆ Large paved terrace to the rear ◆ EPC E

Guide Price £499,950

Fox Cottage, Clive Road, Pattingham,

◆ Captivating detached cottage in lovely rural setting ◆ Three living rooms ◆ Breakfast kitchen ◆ 17ft master bedroom with en-suite shower room ◆ Three further double bedrooms ◆ House bathroom ◆ Double-width garage plus extensive parking ◆ Generous gardens including self-contained chalet with independent heating and air conditioning ◆ EPC E

Guide Price £450,000

3, Old Hall, Wergs Hall, Tettenhall,

◆ Elegant ground floor apartment forming part of mansion conversion in historic grade II listed country house ◆ Gated development with extensive manicured grounds ◆ Drawing room on to terrace ◆ Dinning room open to extensive refitted breakfast kitchen ◆ Two bedroom suites both with ensuite bathrooms ◆ Leasehold property with share of the freehold ◆ EPC D

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Vine Cottage, Church Road, Codsall,

◆ Absolutely stunning detached cottage ◆ Tucked away within the conservation area ◆ Close to the village with its amenities and train station ◆ Beautifully presented ◆ Three reception rooms ◆ Lovely farmhouse style breakfast kitchen ◆ Master bedroom with ensuite shower ◆ Two further bedrooms ◆ House bathroom ◆ Stunning private gardens ◆ Garage ◆ EPC D

Guide Price £399,950

18 Wrekin Drive, Wergs, Tettenhall,

◆ Individually designed detached residence ◆ Exclusive cul-de-sac location ◆ Large lounge with limestone fireplace ◆ Stylish conservatory ◆ Spacious dining room ◆ Study ◆ Superb 19ft breakfast kitchen ◆ Master bedroom with shower area ◆ Three further bedrooms ◆ Family bathroom and separate toilet ◆ 29ft garage ◆ Mature landscaped garden ◆ EPC D

Guide Price £375,000

47 Mount Road, Tettenhall Wood,

◆ Substantial detached bungalow ◆ Enlarged and improved ◆ Located close to Tettenhall Wood with its excellent amenities and bus service ◆ Cloakroom ◆ Very spacious lounge ◆ Dining room and conservatory ◆ Breakfast kitchen / laundry ◆ Three bedrooms ◆ Bathroom ◆ Double width garage behind electric gates ◆ Compact easy to maintain rear garden ◆ EPC D

Guide Price £325,000

36 Lowlands Avenue, Tettenhall,

◆ Impressive individual detached residence ◆ Lounge and separate dining room, each with marble fireplace ◆ Additional sitting room with patio doors ◆ 16ft breakfast kitchen with utility / laundry adjacent ◆ Four double bedrooms ◆ Family bathroom and en-suite shower room ◆ Forecourt parking for several cars ◆ Neatly landscaped garden ◆ EPC D

Guide Price £299,950

22 Broxwood Park, Tettenhall Wood,

◆ Excellent detached bungalow ◆ Tucked away in a pleasant private drive ◆ Prime location close to excellent amenities ◆ Fitted cloakroom ◆ Large lounge with separate dinning room ◆ Fully fitted kitchen ◆ Three double bedrooms ◆ Principle bathroom and ensuite shower room ◆ Double width garage ◆ Mature gardens ◆ EPC F

Guide Price £295,000

51 Paget Road, Wolverhampton,

◆ Large Edwardian detached backing onto playing fields ◆ Deceptively spacious accommodation ◆ Three reception rooms ◆ Refitted kitchen ◆ Utility ◆ Four floor bedrooms ◆ House bathroom and en-suite ◆ Second floor bedroom 5 ◆ Large garage/workshop with excellent off road parking ◆ Delightful rear garden with water feature ◆ EPC D

Guide Price £279,950

46a Mancroft Road, Tettenhall,

◆ Enviably located three-storey semi-detached villa residence of considerable appeal ◆ Fitted cloakroom off hall ◆ Spacious open plan living area incorporating fitted kitchen ◆ Two large first floor bedrooms (one alternatively serving as a second living room) ◆ Bathroom ◆ Top floor master bedroom with shower room en-suite ◆ Integral garage ◆ Neatly landscaped garden ◆ EPC C

Guide Price £227,500

16 Codsall Road, Tetttenhall,

◆ A pretty olde world end terrace cottage ◆ Opposite Claregate Park ◆ Living room ◆ Kitchen diner ◆ Two storey rear extension ◆ Two bedrooms ◆ Family bathroom ◆ Deceptively large garden to the rear ◆ Open views at the front ◆ Off street parking ◆ EPC D

Guide Price £142,500

38 Regina Crescent, Wolverhampton,

◆ SOLD WITHIN 3 DAYS ◆ Three bedroom mid terrace property ◆ Positioned opposite a small green ◆ Beautifully presented ◆ New kitchen with built in appliances ◆ Refitted bathroom ◆ Lovely Lounge ◆ Gas fired heater ◆ Delightful rear garden ◆ EPC D

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SANDY LANE-BISHOPS WOOD £850,000
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LONG COMMON-CLAVERLEY £699,950
Reception hall, cloakroom, drawing room, conservatory, dining room, breakfast kitchen, utility, 6 bedrooms- master with dressing room & en-suite, bathroom, first floor living room, patio terrace, lawns approaching 3/4 acre, outdoor swimming pool, detached garage and ample driveway.EPC=F
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SEISDON- AUCTION GUIDE PRICE £480,000
Entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, drawing room, breakfast kitchen, utility, garden room/study, family room, conservatory, 3 ground floor bedrooms -master en-suite , bathroom,3 first floor bedrooms, shower room, mature gardens, detached garage. EPC=F
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COVEN ROAD- BREWOOD £475,000
Reception porch, entrance hall, utility room, separate wc, sitting room having feature open fireplace, dining room, breakfast kitchen, a choice of 4 first floor bedrooms with master en suite, house bathroom, off street parking, detached garage and mature fore and rear gardens. EPC=D
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WROTTESLEY RD WEST-TETTENHALL £445,000
Reception porch, entrance hall, living room, sitting/ dining room, breakfast kitchen, utility, wet room/ cloakroom, 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, lovely mature gardens with rural views, paddock (approx 0.24 acre) and double width integral garage. EPC=E
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CLIVE ROAD-PATTINGHAM £425,000
Entrance hall , seperate wc, extended lounge /dining area, sitting room, breakfast kitchen, 4 double bedrooms, bathroom, GCH, DG & solar panel, sweeping block paved driveway, double garage with workshop area, enclosed private rear garden.EPC=D
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NEWPORT STREET-BREWOOD £395,000
Entrance hall, fitted cloakroom, open plan lounge and sitting room, 'Dayrooms' fitted kitchen, utility, garden room, 4 double bedrooms- master with seperate shower room, family bathroom, cobbled driveway, double garage, landscaped gardens. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC=D
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GROVE LANE, WIGHTWICK £310,000
Covered front sun terrace, reception porch, entrance hall, cloakroom, through lounge, dining/sitting room, breakfast kitchen, utility area, 3 bedrooms- master en-suite, bathroom, boarded hobby room, sloping & tiered rear garden, double garage and parking.EPC=E
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FENTONHOUSE LANE- WHEATON ASTON £295,000
Entrance hall. Sitting room. Lounge. Dining room. Fitted kitchen. Cloakroom. Utility. Conservatory. Annex bedroom withth en-suite. 4 further double bedrooms- master en-suite. Family bathroom. Attached double garage. Crete print driveway. Enclosed rear garden. EPC=E
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DRURY LANE, CODSALL £295,000
Entrance hall, Lounge, Dining Room,Fitted Kitchen, Cloakroom, 4 Bedrooms- master en-suite, Family bathroom, Attached garage, Off road Parking and Lawned garden and patio to the rear. EPC=D
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LIMES ROAD-TETTENHALL £275,000
Entrance hall, cloakroom, sitting room with contemporary cast iron wood burner, dining kitchen, two first floor double bedrooms, bathroom, walk in double shower room, second floor bedroom with adjoining dressing room/office, off street parking and enclosed rear garden. EPC=E
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HALL CLOSE- PATTINGHAM £229,950
Entrance hall. Cloakroom. Sitting room with feature fireplace. Dining room. Breakfast kitchen. 3 double bedrooms. Family bathroom. Off street parking. Carport. Attached garage. Private and mature rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC=D
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PENN ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON £210,000
Reception porch,fitted cloakroom, dining room, sitting room, conservatory/ garden room, fitted kitchen, inner hall way, outside utility, three bedrooms, family bathroom, ample off road parking, integral garage and front and rear landscaped gardens. EPC=D
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DERWENT ROAD-PALMERS CROSS £189,950
Reception porch, entrance hall, good size sitting room with open fireplace, dining room, fitted kitchen, inner lobby, wc, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom, off road parking, detached tandem garage and extensive mature private rear garden.EPC=D
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PENN ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON £197,500
This semi detached property comprises Reception porch, entrance hall, dining room, sitting room, fitted kitchen, covered lobby, three double bedrooms, family bathroom, spearate wc, ample off road parking, detached garage and front and rear landscaped gardens. EPC=D
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OAK ROAD- BREWOOD £179,950
Entrance hall, sitting room with feature Victorian cast iron style fireplace, refitted kitchen with integrated appliances, DG & GCH, 3 bedrooms, bathroom suite with seperate shower cubicle, car port, detached garage and private and enclosed rear garden.EPC=E
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PINFOLD LANE- PENN £154,950
Reception porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining/sitting room with cast iron wood burner, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, family bathroom, shared vehicular access and off road parking, large purpose built detached concrete stores, enclosed rear garden.EPC=D
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BULL LANE- WOMBOURNE £149,950
L shaped entrance hall, separate utility, sitting room with feature contemporary style fireplace, breakfast kitchen with integrated appliances, GCH & DG (where stated), two double bedrooms, bathroom, block paved driveway, low maintenance landscaped rear garden. EPC=D
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The house in Wenlock Avenue is on the market for offers in the region of £169,995 with the agent Connells

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12 Wayside Acres - £395,000

PENN

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Occupying a prime position in a popular residential area this traditional semi-detached property represents an excellent opportunity for purchasers requiring a house to restyle to own requirements and convenient for the majority of amenities.
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186 Warstones Road - £135,000

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NEW

Screened from the road and occupying a prime location convenient for Tettenhall Village this modern four bedroom two bathroom detached property represents an excellent opportunity in an exclusive cul de sac setting. This impressive family property further comprises:
Reception Porch to Entrance Hall • Fitted Cloakroom • Through Living Room • Separate Dining Room • Breakfast Kitchen with matching suite of units & integrated appliances • Utility Off • Rear Lobby • Galleried Landing • Four Bedrooms with the master having ensuite • Family Bathroom • Double Width Garage • Professionally Landscaped Rear Garden providing a most pleasant outlook • Gas Centrally Heated & Mainly Double Glazing • EPC Rating D

50 Wergs Road - £359,000

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234 Henwood Road - £249,950

TETTENHALL WOOD

REDUCED

Occupying a pleasant position in a popular residential area and set well back off the road with aspect over green this semi detached property is also convenient for the majority of amenities including schools and shops. Constructed to a well planned specification utilizing the maximum space the gas centrally heated and mainly double glazed interior includes
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Motoring

The new SEAT Leon, a combination of German engineering and Spanish style

The new Leon is powered by a punchy and more fuel-efficient engine

New Leon is designed to be the car for Europe

By John Griffiths

WE'VE all heard of the 'Song for Europe' but SEAT is hoping it has hit the right note with its new car for Europe.

Its latest Leon is a duet of German engineering and Spanish style, in perfect harmony – and Britons are expected to be among the biggest buyers. Over the past decade the Leon has accounted for a third of all SEATs sold here, at least in part capitalising on its success in the world of motorsport.

The new car, based on the same platforms and engines as the Audi A3 and VW Golf, comes with sharper styling, packed with the latest technology and powered by punchy yet more fuel-efficient engines.

Prices range from £15,670 for the 1.2 TSI to £22.635 for the 150bhp TDI with the VW Group's superb DSG automatic/manual gearbox. A more powerful 184bhp version will be in the showrooms soon, to be followed by a brand new estate model.

The new Leon is lighter and slightly shorter than its predecessor, yet it has a longer wheelbase and wider track. This helps to sharpen up handling and aid stability, but the interior has been redesigned so there's actually more passenger and luggage space inside. That means it is a full-sized family hatchback which compares well with rivals such as the Ford Focus and Vauxhall Astra, and actually beats them on boot space which has risen from 340 to 380 litres.

The range includes some of the most efficient engine options around, combined with a switchable 'Eco' system on FR versions which softens the throttle response and automatically switches on the stop/start system to save fuel in town.

The choice of petrol or diesel fuel largely depends on how many miles you cover: diesel being the more economical option for higher mileage drivers.

When it comes to smaller engines I'd normally opt for diesels because of their torquey, lazy nature: on the open road petrol engines can get noisy, and need frequent gear changes to keep you rolling.

And high revs don't make for economical driving.

Civilised

But the Leon's base engine is different, much more civilised, relaxed and quiet. It is only 1200cc (not a lot for a car of this size) but it's turbocharged, so as well as a pretty remarkable 105bhp, it has 175Nm of torque giving it the feel of a bigger engine.

If it sounds impressive, there's more evidence with a 0-62mph time of ten seconds and an average fuel consumption of 57.6mpg which, based on my test drive, seems easy achievable.

The basic specification includes seven airbags, stability control, ABS and traction control, tyre pressure monitor, electric front windows, a colour media system with Bluetooth and remote controls and air conditioning.

SEAT predicts the best-selling model will be the higher specification SE with its 1.6 TDI engine at £18,490. While its output is nominally the same as that of the 1.2 petrol, this diesel power pack has nearly a third more torque, making it the consummate mile-muncher. It's barely audible at cruising speeds, and silky smooth.

It does the 0-62mph dash in 10.7 seconds, but it can average more than 74mpg, and with CO2 emissions of just 99g/km (compared to 114g/km for the 1.2 petrol) its road tax free.

For the extra cash you also get front fog lights, alloy wheels, cruise control, electric windows all round, an electronic limited slip differential and hill hold control.

Sporting or 'hot' models account for one in four of all Leons sold and the new range starts from £21,385 for the FR.

It comes with a lowered, much revised sports suspension which has dynamic benefits such as flatter cornering without losing much in terms of the excellent ride comfort of the SE.

The Leon is a solid, fun-to-drive car whichever option you choose, it's competitively priced and, with its particularly efficient range of engines, it should help to keep running costs down.

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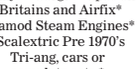

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Colts are in cruise control to rack up 41 points

Wolverhampton 41 Lichfield 10

WOLVERHAMPTON Colts claimed the rugby union county plate final against Lichfield on a blustery day at Burntwood.

They took the lead on five minutes when Arran Norman broke through to score the first try, which Bill Jones converted for a seven-point lead.

Four minutes later, Norman broke through in a near carbon copy of his first score, Jones again adding the extras.

Lichfield began to edge back into the game, but Jones kicked a penalty to stretch his side's lead.

Lichfield scored a try to trail 17-5 at the break.

But soon after the interval, Jones bagged a try which he converted as Wolves stretched their advantage to 24-5.

His second try, which he converted, was bookended by a brace of five-pointers for Steve Byrne as Wolves stretched away to a 41-5 lead.

Gallant Lichfield plugged away and got a consolation try in the 62nd minute, but there was no hauling back such a big margin.

Stafford 12 Wolverhampton 39

Wolverhampton seconds rounded off their season with a good win at Stafford.

With the Merit table in the bag, Wolves successfully defended their record of being unbeaten since Christmas.

Jimmy Holiday slotted an early penalty and then set up a line-out from which Callum Wellings barged over for a try.

A further converted try put Wolves 15-0 up before Stafford responded with a converted try before the break.

The first 20 minutes after the break were arguably Wolves' best passage of play this year. They ran in a series of tries before Stafford's consolation score to finish 39-12 winners.

Wolverhampton 21 Bridgnorth 10

The thirds ran in three tries in a good win over Bridgnorth.

Rob Harris scored twice on his comeback with Ash Harris notching the first try in his warm-up for the upcoming rugby league season.

Lloyd Bridges converted all three tries to ensure that even a last-minute try by Bridgnorth was never going to put too much pressure on Wolves, who generally were the controlling force on the field.

Good performances by Dan Squires in the centres, with excellent tackling and intelligent running and Dan Harrington at tight head, so powerful once his momentum is established, ensured that Wolves constantly pressured.

The standard that the team produces is noticeably better than a couple of seasons ago.

Bromsgrove 14 Wolverhampton 62

Wolverhampton under-12s finised the season in style with a huge win over Bromsgrove.

It marks a big step forward for the young Wolves, who drew 25-25 against the same team earlier this season at Castlecroft.

Wolves were first to score, Finn Mullen converting his own try, and although Bromsgrove levelled the visitors were 33-14 up at half-time and kicked on with a further 29 points after the interval, Ethan Cole bagging the final try.

The victorious Perton and Codsall under-13 side which beat AFC Woodcross in the final

Harper hits winners

Perton and Codsall U15 Wolves 2
Hawkins Sports U15 0

Junior football

TWO goals from Louis Harper saw Perton and Codsall lift the Chris Lee League Cup trophy at Bilston's ground. Harper struck in each half, but it was Hawkins who began the match on the front foot.

Perton almost took the lead against the run of play when Alex Blyth broke free only to see his shot well-blocked by the rapidly advancing keeper.

Perton began to gain the upper hand and Ramesh Ram beat the full-back and whipped in a cross to the unmarked Sam Squire who headed over from eight yards.

Ram then turned his man and forced a corner with a shot. The first goal came on the half-hour, when Taylor Wycherley intercepted on the halfway line, advanced and put Harper in to lift the ball over the keeper.

He nearly doubled the lead after the break when his thunderous shot was touched onto the underside of the bar by the Hawkins keeper. But on 50 minutes, he did score when he beat his man and wrong-footed the keeper with a shot which squeezed in.

Wycherley and skipper Matt Finney kept things tight at the back, while Ashley Sage and Aaron Green both went close to a third goal before Finney lifted the trophy.

It was a double success for Perton, who beat AFC Woodcross 2-0 on the same night to win the under-13 competition.

It's drinks all round for the Abbotts

A BREWOOD pensioner is counting the cost after firing a hole in one.

Trevor Abbotts, 76, landed his ace at the 155-yard par-three sixth hole at Lilleshall Hall, where he is club president.

"I was playing with the club chairman and greens chairman – fine fellows," he said.

"The weather was lousy and I picked a bad day to be lucky – a seniors' match against Market Drayton, so the clubhouse was heaving. I'm still counting the cost!"

While the resulting round of drinks left its mark on the Abbotts, there was a big consolation.

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As all official club competitions are recorded on the HowDidiDo system, holes-in-one will be noted and automatically ratified by the golfer's club.

Bonanza at Brandon as the Bees are stung

Coventry 31 Wolves 59

SURPRISE package Wolves continue to defy the experts after routing Midlands rivals Coventry on their own Brandon track.

As team performances go, this was just about perfect, ***writes Rich Jones.*** The Tai Woffinden-Freddie Lindgren spearhead was unstoppable, going unbeaten in 10 outings between them; the middle order was solid and there were race wins in the reserve department.

From the moment Woffinden, currently in the best form of his career, romped to a 5-1 with Ty Proctor in the opening heat, there was only ever going to be one winner.

The Monmore men reeled off four consecutive maximums between races five and eight to build up a comfortable 20-point advantage from which the Bees were never going to recover.

Middle-order men Adam Skornicki and Ricky Wells in particular worked extremely hard to nullify a Scott Nicholls tactical ride in heat seven – going either side of the British champion as he shaped to take the third bend on lap one.

Tactical

Californian ace Wells then extinguished any hopes of a comeback by his former club once again as he teamed up with in-form reserve Ludvig Lindgren to keep Grzegorz Zengota in third place as he took the second Bees tactical ride in heat 12.

The dynamic duo of Woffinden and Freddie Lindgren then completed the rout with further 5-1s in heats 13 and 15 to complete a 59-31 triumph.

Woffinden was threatened only once, when attempting to team ride Proctor to a heat 11 5-1 over Nicholls.

The Coventry man dived inside both Wolves riders in one swoop, but Woffinden powered through to the front in under half a lap.

Speedway

Popular Swede Ludvig Lindgren celebrated being handed a permanent position at reserve by notching his highest score of the season so far – suffering only one defeat in four rides on his way to paid double figures.

Youngster Jacob Thorssell also showed plenty of promise on his way to four points, while Adam Skornicki worked extremely hard for his paid four contribution and was visibly upset at just failing to wrest second place from Stuart Robson on the line in the penultimate heat.

The result continues a quite remarkable start to the new season by Wolves.

Despite having not won on the road since 2010 prior to this season, the club have now recorded three out of four on their travels – and lost by only a point at Eastbourne. They have also won all four home league matches at Monmore Green.

Wolves owner Chris Van Straaten admitted he was surprised with the margin of the win, and added: "All the riders again played a part, and the spirit in the pits is quite remarkable."

Coventry: Stuart Robson 6+1, Olly Allen 6, Grzegorz Zengota 6, Scott Nicholls 5+1, Aaron Summers 5, Krzysztof Kasprzak 3+1, Michal Szczepaniak 0.

Wolves: Tai Woffinden 15, Freddie Lindgren 12+3, Ludvig Lindgren 9+1, Ricky Wells 9, Ty Proctor 7+3, Jacob Thorssell 4, Adam Skornicki 3+1.

White Lions strike in 11 seconds to win cup

Sedgley White Lions under-14 girls emerged triumphant from their League Cup final clash with Kewford Eagles

Sedgley White Lions U14 Girls 4
Kewford Eagles U14 Girls 0

SEDGLEY romped to Stourbridge League Cup final success, scoring their first goal after just 11 seconds.

Phoebe Cox received a pass from the kick-off, beat a defender and rolled her shot home.

Both sides played some neat passing football to create chances, but Jess Morgan in the Sedgley goal kept Kewford at bay. Cox got her second when Bethany Male picked her out with an inch-perfect pass.

Britanee Davies got the third, finding the top corner after being found by Olivia Riese.

Male's fierce shot from distance following a Khloe Hyde pass rounded off the scoring.

Sedgley White Lions U14 Girls 4
Kinver U14 Girls 0

Sedgley ran out 4-0 winners to maintain their 100 per cent Stourbridge League record. Britanee Davies capped a fine move to open the scoring before the interval.

Kinver looked dangerous on the break, but Georgia Skinner scored from the penalty spot to make it 2-0.

Jessica Taylor added the third from an Olivia Riese pass and Phoebe Cox grabbed the fourth.

The club are looking for new players in school years eight and nine. Call 01384 620598.

Bandurak rises as his team falls

WOLVES fan and aspiring PGA professional John Bandurak admits his golf career has gone in the opposite direction to the club he supports over the last year.

The second year PGA assistant has seen his career take off, but it's been a tale of woe for Wolves as they plummet towards League One.

Great Barr Golf Club assistant Bandurak is targeting the Midland qualifier for the Powerade PGA Assistants' Championship at Henley-in-Arden on May 9.

At stake is a place in the £32,000 FootJoy-supported final on August 7-9 at Coventry Golf Club.

He won the Midland qualifier last year and finished third in the PGA Fourball Championship with fellow Wolves fan Halfpenny Green's Darren Prosser.

"As well as getting to the assistants' final, I did well with Darren – I think playing with another avid Wolves fan helped me there," he said.

"I also won the Midlands Assistants' Championship and finished top of the Midlands Assistants' Order of Merit."

Defeat snatched from victory

HOW did we lose that? ***writes David Lycett.***

Our firsts played newly-promoted Wombourne on Saturday and were in control for 75 per cent of the match.

We scored a splendid 254-9, James Hammond making a superb 102 and Simon Lycett adding 35.

We should be able to defend this score and Dan and Adam Quiney bowled brilliant opening spells.

Wombourne needed 150 from 15 overs. Our bowlers lost their line and length and the visitors won off the penultimate ball to give them 20 points to our six in the new win/lose format.

Our seconds went over to Leamington, defending their title. The home side made 204 all out; our captain for the day was Alan Chapman, who

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claimed 5-37, ably supported by James Turner, 2-31. Our target was slightly reduced by three overs but we reached the line of 198-8 with two overs to spare for a great win.

Our Danes entertained Milford Hall in the Staffordshire Clubs League. Shoukat Malik (32) and Satinder Singh (18) put on 50 for the first wicket, was followed by a couple of fine knocks – 75 by Bari Sultan and a quickfire 72 from Ali Mutza. We made an impressive 263-7. The opposition were never intent on going for this score and we had to settle for a winning draw at 155-5.

Rugeley put our Courts into bat and they managed 220. Hassan Touquer with 68, and Rohit Tenugu (35) were the main contributors. In the words of Sam Raza, we blew them away. He took two wickets, Tenugu three and Rashid Shah two as Rugeley were dismissed for 150 and we got a lovely 24 points.

Our Wergs were playing Fouroaks with a young side and we struggled to 138. Krishan Patel made 60 – his third score of 50-plus in three matches. They fought hard, taking seven wickets before Fouroaks reached the target.

On Sunday, we played our National Knockout first-round match away to Old Hill. Sadly, their score of 267 was always a formidable total for our young side. Apart from captain Karl Quiney (41) and Simon Lycett (38), none of our other youngsters scored double figures and we lost by 86 runs.

Hill climbs his way to karate gold spot

KARATE star Richard Hill has hit gold in the Irish Open championships. Hill, assistant coach at the Essington-based Elite Shotokan club, triumphed in the kumite (fighting) discipline at Dublin.

The 27-year-old battled his way through six bouts to reach the final and claim gold, competing against fighters from across Ireland and the UK. Hill, from Great Wyrley, was selected as part of the London Havering squad.

Elite Shotokan's chief instructor David Hill said: "This is a great result for Richard, who has been training since he was just seven. He has already won a silver medal at the Sakagami International karate championships in Leicester back in February. He did the club proud."

Hill trains three times a week with Elite Shotokan, which meets at Essington Community Centre on Wednesdays and Fridays. For more details on the club, call Dave Hill on 07854 908735 or check the club's Facebook page.

Cup decided in extra time

Wolverhampton 0
Brierley Hill & Dudley 1
(after extra time)

AN extra time goal by Ethan Jones proved the difference between the sides in an entertaining West Midlands Schools District Cup clash.

In an even first half, home keeper Jamie Bostock made an outstanding one-handed save from Jeremy Moore only to be eclipsed within moments by his oppositie number, Luke Wakeman, who repelled Jamie Goodwin's ferocious shot.

Wakeman denied Louis Harper after the beak and Kane Lewis hit the post but it ended 0-0. In extra time Paul Griffiths' header was blocked before Jones scored.

Hit for six as Wednesfield thrash Bs

Bustleholme 0 Wednesfield 6

WEDNESFIELD returned to winning ways as they romped to a 6-0 West Midlands Premier victory over relegation-threatened Bustleholme.

The Bs, without a home win all season, were in trouble from the 17th minute. Brad Lewis found the net from just inside the area to put the visitors ahead.

Nathan Jones made it 2-0 in the 35th minute, firing a low shot into the net after beating two defenders.

At the start of the second half, Wayne Price claimed Wednesfield's third goal with a fine finish.

Ten minutes later, rampant Wednesfield added more misery to Bustleholme with a fourth. Price finished off following good work by Lewis and Jones, producing a left-foot shot from 20 yards.

The visitors continued to pile on the pressure as Martin Stanton set up Jones, but his shot was saved.

Wednesfield substitute Ben Sanderson joined in the goal spree by putting the finishing touch to a Sam Giles cross for the fifth goal in the 77th minute. Sanderson wrapped up the scoring with his second goal – and Wednesfield's sixth – with a close-range shot.

Football

Malvern Town 3
Wolverhampton Casuals 3

A depleted Wolverhampton Casuals side, with seven regular players out through injury, twice held the lead but had to settle for a West Midlands Premier point.

Casuals quickly got into their stride; Chris Henry put them ahead in the fifth minute by turning a defender before beating Malvern keeper Dean Drinkwater. They went 2-0 up eight minutes later when Drinkwater allowed a Mark Bellingham header from a Bekir Halil free-kick to slip through his hands.

Bellingham went close to extending the lead with two free-kicks in quick succession, both going just wide.

The hosts came back when Dave Reynolds headed a Chris Allen corner home to make it 2-1.

Three minutes later, Malvern were on level terms, Andy Fletcher scoring from the penalty spot after Casuals keeper Daniel Ware had fouled Michael Collins.

Casuals regained the lead in the 37th minute when Bellingham beat Drinkwater from the penalty spot after he had been tripped.

Casuals wasted numerous good chances either side of half-time before Bellingham had a 'goal' ruled out for offside.

Casuals, playing their third game in five days, were caught out in the 79th minute. Reynolds headed down a free-kick to Collins, who was left with an easy tap-in from five yards to make it 3-3.

Women crumble after great opening

Wolves Women 1
Sheffield FC Ladies 5

WOLVES WOMEN crashed to defeat against Women's Premier League Northern Division leaders and title favourites Sheffield Ladies.

Wolves took the lead and then found themselves 2-1 down in a staggering opening five minutes, ***writes Matt Sacco.***

Lauren Walker's corner was nodded in at close range by Philippa Wilson.

But the lead lasted a mere minute as Wolves fell asleep at the back to allow Suzanne Davies to tap in from close range. Sheffield took the lead two minutes later, but this time it was down to some individual class as Jodie McHalska twisted and turned before firing into the top corner from 25 yards.

Block

Becky Hall had a chance to level on 15 minutes as she raced through on goal, but the Sheffield keeper narrowed the angle to block.

On the half-hour, Hall went even closer. She showed excellent skill before letting fly from 20 yards only to hit the post with the keeper well beaten.

Wolves also went close through Jamillah Palmer, who beat three players before curling her effort inches wide of the post.

However, in the second half Wolves lost the fight and desire they had shown in the first half.

Lisa Giampalma headed in from close range before the hour as Wolves failed to cut out a cross and further goals from Lynn Goodman and Carla Ward cemented defeat for the home side.

Manager James Astle said afterwards: "We couldn't have wished for a better start and then to allow two goals against us was really unacceptable.

"As for the second half, I just want to forget about it."

Bumpy ride for Wombourne

AFC Wombourne 0 Wyrley 3

WOMBOURNE came back to earth with a bump in West Midlands Division One following Tuesday's win against Bilston Town.

With only 12 players available – one of them carrying an injury – they looked second-best. Wyrley were one up at the break and got two more. Noel Smith and Ross Melrose had chances saved for Wombourne.

Wolves limp nearer to an open trapdoor

Wolves 1 Burnley 2

FORGET the game itself which, with all due respect to Burnley, is probably all it deserved anyway.

Everything you needed to know about Wolves occurred before this game which merely melted into another long, long line of wretched Molineux performances from this disintegrating team, ***writes Martin Swain.***

A match to which every player apparently had to bring their 'A' game, a contest that would challenge the nerve and sporting courage of its competitors. That's what Wolves fans were expecting any way.

What they got on Saturday was yet another stinker, a performance which limped and whimpered its way to its sorry conclusion – a defeat that all but sentenced this now deeply-unhappy club to relegation to English football's third tier.

That made the tribute before kick-off to the Sherpa Van Trophy winners of 1988 particularly pertinent.

Wolves may have planned that as a symbol not only of happier days but also the spirit of unity required to defeat the crisis of this moment.

Instead it became just another sad reminder of the fate calling to them now – a place in the competition reserved for lower division clubs is a back-handed insult to one banking on Premier League ambitions less than two years ago.

The scale and pace of the slump inevitably triggered a renewed outbreak of hostilities with a small margin of the home audience who stormed the barricades at the finish.

Two years after they gathered in front of the dug-outs to share the joy of top-flight survival and hear chairman Steve Morgan pledge never again to cut it so fine, Wolves fans re-congregated to hurl abuse at him.

On his way to the sanctity of the dressing room, the contentious Roger Johnson got caught up in at least three verbal exchanges with members of the angry mob – one for each of the relegations he has now suffered in as many seasons. At this rate, he will be in the Conference by the time his Molineux contract is complete.

So yes, this is Wolves, 2013.

Planning for League One football with a deeply-compromised squad fronted by a manager who has struggled to convince supporters he can provide convincing answers in a brief but relevant tenure.

Sadly, there was absolutely nothing in either his team's character or quality of football against Burnley to change that.

In fact, the day carried extra spite for Dean Saunders as, passing in the other direction are Doncaster, the club he left at the top of League One in February to take the Molineux challenge.

On the day he was sentenced to a second successive Championship relegation, a rebuilt Doncaster claimed the League One title leaving its architect to clutch only at whatever reflected glory he could.

How the club has fallen quite so sharply and quite so dramatically will fuel a long summer of endless, vexed debate. Morgan, Moxey, the players, Saunders, Solbakken, McCarthy . . . take your pick.

But the next time Wolves run out in front of these home fans it must be with a squad refreshed in spirit as much as personnel. These players are carrying the baggage of too much failure and Saunders' unfailing enthusiasm has not been enough to re-energise them.

The team bears the unmistakeable signs of so many abandoned ambitions comprising as it does of some old McCarthy reliables, a smattering of Solbakken's first arrivals, a few beg, borrow and steals by Saunders and one or two academy products striving to make headway. Wolves are as muddled as the constituent parts.

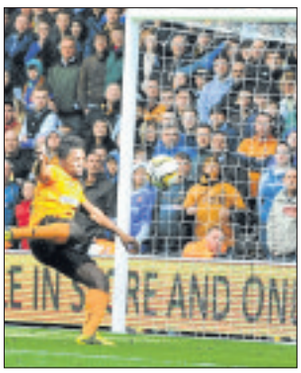
But what really surprised, what perhaps damned the team and the whole sorry farce of the last couple of seasons was the resignation of it all.

There was no great fire, no warrior-like defiance even as League One called to them. Wolves failed to offer the remotest hint they had the game or the conviction to conjure an 11th hour escape.

That was always unlikely after goals early in each half from Danny Ings and Martin Paterson.

Even when Burnley lost Michael Duff to a second yellow card with 25 minutes still remaining, there was a strange and hollow lack of urgency from the team. Despite substitute Nouha Dicko's late reply, this was no last brave hurrah. It was a Molineux finale which spoke perfectly for a dismal decline.

Wolves chief executive Jez Moxey holds his nose while watching the Burnley defeat



Nouha Dicko nets a goal of no consolation

Dan's the man with unbeaten century

Tales from The Bratch

DAN GREEN was the headline act as Beacon cruised to victory in the Staffordshire Clubs Premier Division.

The 19-year-old opener stroked his way to a superb unbeaten 141 to help Beacon post a daunting 273-2 against Wightwick and Finchfield, ***writes Nick Elwell.***

Sohail Afzal (38), Tom Elwell (32 not out) and Roger Fildes (32) provided the support as Green eased to his first top-flight century.

South African all-rounder James Baikoff then took centre stage with the ball, claiming 5-35 as W&F were routed for just 60 in reply.

Beacon's seconds also enjoyed a comfortable win as they saw off Bloxwich by seven wickets. The home side limped to 80-4 from 50 overs with Zak Smith (31) leading Beacon's march.

The thirds tasted victory on the road with a three-wicket win at Rushall, who were restricted to 183-6 with 15-year-old Matt Baker bagging 3-20. Shan Imran Laban (60) led Beacon home, supported by Chris Burns (36) and 13-year-old Callum Westwood (36).

Mini-series decides who goes where

WOLVERHAMPTON City Netball League's summer season got under way with a mini-tournament to decide divisional places.

There were no real surprises at the top of the groups with Chasetown A, last season's Division One runners-up, Lucas, Phoenix, Baileys and Whitmore Y all going into the top flight.

In the second division are Fusion, Sam Three, Dolls One, Eurostars and Ladybirds.

The third division will feature Roldec, Sam Four, Wanderers One, Chase Ultra Stars and Molineux Hornets.

Fourth division: All Stars, Blaze, Whitmore T, Jupiter and Wordsley Storks.

Fifth division: Breezers, Thundercats, Diamonds, Allsortz and Molineux Scorpions. The second round of games this week will complete the divisions.

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Brace by Brady and Brown proves decisive

Football

AFC Wulfrunians 2 Dudley Town 0

WULFRUNIANS recorded a routine West Midlands Premier victory in a game which they dominated. Goals from Kyle Brady and Ross Brown helped them on their way.

AFC made the most of their early possession with Brady having their best opportunity. His shot from the left was tipped over the bar by the keeper.

He also went close when Nathan Rose-Laing flicked the ball on for him, only for hiss effort to fall just wide of the post.

He again tested the Dudley goal shortly before the break but his effort from David Howells' cross was mishit and grazed the post as it rolled wide. Wulfs continued on the front foot in the second half. Rose-Laing latched on to Michael Robertson's ball into the area but fired his effort over the bar.

Brady finally gave Wulfrunians the lead 15 minutes after the interval. Rose-Laing's strike from Jake Sedgemore's free kick was tipped up by the keeper and as it fell, Brady managed to beat him to the ball and force his header in.

Substitute Ross Brown made an instant impact as his header from Brady's free-kick entered a crowd of players surrounding the goal, only for the ball to eventually be launched clear.

Brown doubled Wulfs' lead when his connection with a Brady corner flew past the keeper and into the top corner. Then Andy Thompson took the ball past two players before firing his shot narrowly over the bar.

Wulfs' domination was emphasised by the fact that Dudley didn't record their first shot on target until the 87th minute A scramble from a corner saw three players go up for a header that ended up with Danny Tipton pulling off a brilliant save to preserve his clean sheet.

Haughmond 2 Bilston Town 0

Bilston Town were left with nothing to show for their hard work in this West Midlands Division One match. Rhys Hall set up an early Bilston attack from a free-kick, but Stan Mugisha was ruled offside.

He saw an effort put out for a corner, and Matt Curley's free-kick was cleared. Haughmond scored straight after the interval. Nicholas Turton shot just wide as Bilston hit back but Haughmond got their second. As Bilston fought back, Curley headed Matt Rutter's cross over. The game ended with Bilston's Duncan Evers going to hospital with a deep gash to his head after a kick.

Hooker starts the scoring in victory

Wolverhampton U16 29
Stafford U16 5

WOLVERHAMPTON took the county rugby union cup after a hard-fought game in Stafford against old rivals Stoke.

The pre-match favourites produced a solid and mature performance.

They started well, gaining a clear edge at the set-piece, rucks and mauls and drew first blood as hooker Rob Chapman crossed on 10 minutes.

Within 20 minutes, they scored two further tries.

Outside centre Sean Casey finished off an outstanding handling move from the backs before Chapman again got over the line from short range.

Stoke made a big push at the start of the second period, scoring a try from a quickly-taken penalty.

But they failed to convert the few chances they created and their momentum fizzled out.

Midway through the half, a rejigged Wolves pack reasserted their dominance at the set-piece and breakdown and parked themselves in the Stoke 22.

Eventually their defence gave way as Casey finished off a fine handling move to seal victory. Tom Jones' convertion gave Wolves an unassailable 17-point lead.

Prop Mark Sage bludgeoned his way over late on.

The under-13s and Stafford shared the county shield after drawing 19-19.

Bonus point not enough

Bridgnorth 0
Wolverhampton 28

WOLVERHAMPTON rugby union firsts missed out on what would have been successive promotions on points difference.

They did all they could, beating Bridgnorth and taking the four-try bonus point in Midlands Two West (North).

But they needed league champions Silhillians to beat rivals Moseley Oak by more than eight points, and while Sils won, the 24-20 margin was not enough.

Wolves scored through Ian Harley, Aiden Cheshire, Aquile Smith – a predatory sprint by the 18-year-old for his 17th try in his first season in the firsts despite missing three months with injury – and Steve Byrne. Dan Jones converted them.

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WHO'S TO BLAME? TAKE YOUR PICK

by Tim Nash

WOLVES are poised over the League One trapdoor with the finger of blame pointing in all directions.

Saturday's 2-1 home defeat to Burnley left them doomed to third tier football next season barring an unlikely sequence of results in Saturday's finale. Wolves need to win at Brighton and hope Peterborough and Barnsley lose against Huddersfield and Crystal Palace respectively.

Wolves also need an overall five-goal swing in their favour to overcome Peterborough's better goal difference.

Against Burnley, Wolves couldn't recover from goals by Danny Ings and Martin Paterson, with substitute Nouha Dicko's 88th-minute effort their lone reply.

It left Wolves facing the prospect of becoming the first English team to twice suffer successive drops from the first to the third tier.

Wolves owner-chairman Steve Morgan has presided over four managers in 16 months. One of them – Stale Solbakken – has blamed him for failing to give the new culture introduced with the Norwegian's appointment last May more time.

Hired

"I have no confidence in the owner – he's a fantastic businessman and he could be a good owner if he had someone competent to deal with the footballing side of things," said Solbakken, who left Wolves 18th in the table before he was sacked on January 5.

"Morgan hired me because he wanted to build a new culture, create a new identity and make sure the club wasn't ridiculed if given another chance in the Premier League.

"It was surprising that he thought this would be done in 15 minutes. My intention was to build a team over three transfer windows and get the right balance in the squad. But he got tired and went back to the previous culture. It still hurts."

But Wolves player Stephen Hunt pointed to Solbakken's "slow" style of football.

"I don't want to criticise the previous manager but he came straight into this league with a style that doesn't go down too well," said Hunt.

"We got stuck in a rut, playing slow football. And if you play slow football in this league, you get battered.

"I have respect for Stale Solbakken. He stuck to his guns in what he did. But for me, you just can't do that."

Former manager Mick McCarthy, dismissed when Wolves were in the Premier League, said there was "not a chance" they would have been in their current position had he remained.

"They'd be at least in the play-offs," he said.

Current boss Dean Saunders wants to carry on. "Yes, I want to stay," he said.

"I got the team going again, but the injuries have done us – we're struggling to score. The chairman picks the manager and I stay as long as he wants me."

Wolves are hurtling headlong towards League One football and Matt Doherty can barely believe what's happening

Skipper Sam Lloyd with the cup

League champs double up to lift cup

Old Wulfrunians U15 5
Halesowen Town Colts U15 0

HAVING become Stourbridge League champions with three games to spare, Wulfs completed the double by romping home in the League Cup final.

They made the best possible start when Daniel Slyde worked his way into the box to set up Billy Morgan to crash the ball home.

On 15 minutes, Branden Streete struck the post but Slyde returned the ball into the six-yard box and Rory Harrison knocked it in.

Soon after, Harrison was denied by the post and the keeper before sliding the ball in for No.3.

The pattern continued in the second half and Paul Griffiths' pass put Djoffre Mpoyi in for the fourth.

Harrison missed his chance for a hat-trick when Tom Sutton saved his penalty.

The defiant Sutton made further saves, but had no chance when Mpoyi found the corner for his second goal and Wulfs' fifth, which sealed a second successive cup final victory.

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